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REPORTER

A Hong Kong investor has expressed interest in building a new hotel resort on 5 hectares of public lands north of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, bringing hope to a struggling economy and to the Department of Public Lands, which now has almost \$13.43 million in receivables. **See INVESTOR on Page 4**

## Rota Junior High renamed after late Dr. Inos

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A new local law renames Rota Junior High School after the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos for her outstanding contributions to the Public School System and the CNMI. She was a PSS com-

missioner from 1998 to 2006.

A day before leaving for Palau, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed on Wednesday Senate Local Bill 17-1, Draft 1 renaming the school the "Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School."

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Inos



## July is deadliest month of Afghan war for US

By ROBERT H. REID  
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**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Three U.S. troops died in blasts in Afghanistan, bringing the death toll for July to at least 63 and surpassing the previous month's record as the deadliest for American forces in the nearly 9-year-old war.

The three died in two separate blasts in southern Afghanistan the day before, a

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The late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos's casket, draped in an American flag, arrives at the tarmac of the Rota International Airport around 1:30pm Wednesday. The U.S. military's Afghanistan death toll for July has risen to at least 63, surpassing the previous month's record as the deadliest for American forces in the nearly 9-year-old war.

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### DEFENSE OFFICIAL'S VISIT

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and House Speaker Froilan Tenorio meet with Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III on Wednesday during the defense official's visit to Saipan on Wednesday. Lynn, who was accompanied by a 21-member entourage including Joint Guam Program Office executive director David F. Bice, was on his first visit to the CNMI. Fitial said they discussed details of the first wave of the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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# Local

## Fund withdraws \$25.7M in past eight months

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The NMI Retirement Fund has withdrawn a total of \$25.7 million from its investment funds in the last eight months of the fiscal year, or from October last year through May this year.

The withdrawals were used

to pay for retirees' pensions and associated costs.

The NMI board of trustees had approved a maximum drawdown of \$54.4 million for fiscal year 2010. With four months to go before the end of the fiscal year, the remaining balance for the authorized drawdown is \$28.6 million.

Saipan Tribune learned that

the average monthly drawdown in the last eight months was \$3.2 million. If this trend continues, the Fund expects to save \$16 million, or 29 percent of the authorized \$54.4 million drawdown for FY 2010.

The Fund withdrew the highest amount from its investment fund in March this year,

amounting to \$4 million, while \$3.5 million was drawn down in April this year. Other months indicated withdrawals of \$2.5 million to \$3.2 million.

### 'Revenue projection exceeds by \$6.8M'

Besides the expected "savings" from drawdowns this fiscal year, the Fund also posted a positive trend in its revenues,

reported to be 42 percent ahead of expectation.

Saipan Tribune learned that in the first eight months, actual revenues exceeded the revenue estimates by 42 percent, or \$6.8 million. The increase mainly came from employer contributions of the CNMI government and the autonomous agencies.

On the other hand, the Fund continue to monitor and con-

trol operating costs by saving 5 percent, or 2.8 million from its operating budget.

The Fund projected to collect just \$16.1 million in revenues during the first eight months of FY 2010 but it actually collected and generated \$22.9 million.

Projected expenditure for eight months was \$52.4 million while actual expenses to date is at \$49.6 million.

## PSS meal price increase OK'd

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The CNMI Board of Education agreed yesterday to pay a higher rate for school breakfast and

lunch meals on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian but the price increase will have no impact on students.

From just \$2 for breakfast meals on Saipan, food vendors contracted by the Public School

System will now be charging \$2.10 apiece starting this new school year. For lunch meal, PSS will now pay \$3.15 apiece from the previous \$3.

The \$.10-cent rate increase for breakfast and \$.15 cents for lunch meals will apply to all public schools on three islands but Rota

and Tinian meal vendors will still get higher reimbursements.

Breakfast meals on Tinian will now cost \$2.55 while lunch meals will now cost \$4.10.

On Rota, the current rate of \$2.50 for breakfast will increase to \$2.60 and the \$3.75 for lunch will become \$3.90 apiece.

PSS serves free lunch breakfast and lunch meals to public school students based on eligibility. Students who are not entitled or eligible to get free meals pay \$.50 cents for breakfast and \$.75 cents for lunch; PSS subsidizes the remaining amount.

Despite the increased rates, students will still be paying the same amounts.

"The decision will take effect immediately because some private schools will be opening their classes next month so we need these vendors to continue serving our students in both private and public schools," said board member Herman T. Guerrero.

Public schools will start classes on Sept. 7.

Although the rate adjustment has been on the table for some time now, Guerrero said the board decided to finally act on it after reviewing the proposal and considering the increasing cost of shipping food commodities to the island due to high gas prices and minimum wage increases.

At the same time, PSS was

given a slight increase in its annual grant award, Guerrero said.

The breakfast and lunch program is funded by the Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides PSS about \$7.7 million in annual assistance.

Guerrero said PSS may get a higher amount of federal grants such as the Nutrition Food Assistance program and the Head Start program if some provisions of the current agreement with these grants are amended.

"There's a need to change the language because the CNMI is being treated as part of a contiguous state, which much be changed. By doing this, we may be able to get a little higher amount of assistance for these programs," he said, citing the case of Hawaii as an example.

The board has instructed the management to prepare letters and other requirements to make these proposals happen for PSS.

PSS' meal vendors include MV Reyes Catering, Kalayaan Inc., Herman's Bakery, Barney's, LSG, and Auntie Mags Food Catering Service.

## 'Very good turnout' in PAWS meeting

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An officer of the Pet Animal Welfare Society is pleased about the turnout of its general meeting held last Thursday at the Shenanigan's restaurant in Garapan.

"It was a very good turnout," treasurer Bobbi Grizzard told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

According to Grizzard, one volunteer already set up PAWS on Facebook yesterday and two others have volunteered to work on the education program of the organization as soon as school season starts.

Some of those who showed up also expressed interest in keeping the board that would organize and keep things going for PAWS, she said.

"It could've been twice as many and not have anybody interested in doing something," Grizzard said, adding that "this time, people came to step up."

PAWS arranged the meeting to get more volunteers for the organization as some of its board members will be resigning soon, including current president Katie Busenkell who will be moving off-island and board member Ron Smith who plans to pursue other volunteer commitments.

"The general meeting was

for those people out there other than me who are willing to help PAWS and do what they could do to go forward," she added.

At the meeting, Grizzard said they also talked about how to address issues about stray animals.

Grizzard said that people who showed up in the meeting were informed that to report animal abuse or stray animals, they can contact the PAWS hotline or the Saipan Mayor's office, which she described as "very helpful and very supportive."

"A lot of people know what to do, a lot of people don't know what to do. Now [the volunteers] can spread the word to friends and keep caring for the animals," she said.

Grizzard added that they plan to have another meeting sometime in August before Busenkell leaves.

"We'll see how many people come back and how many people have come up with any other ideas on what to do. The main thing is we have people who volunteer and they know what their premises are and what PAWS needs," she said.

For more information, contact PAWS hotline at 285-PAWS (7297) or email Grizzard at bobbi.grizzard@gmail.com.

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# Kim: Arizona's stay order just a procedural matter

## Bordallo meets with *Atlantis* astronauts

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo met Thursday with pilot Tony Antonelli, mission specialist Piers Sellers, mission specialist Steve Bowen, and International Space Station flight engineer T.J. Creamer in her office on Capitol Hill. The astronauts recently completed the 34th space shuttle mission which lasted from May 14, 2010, to May 26, 2010, to the International Space Station on board the Space Shuttle *Atlantis*.

Sellers was selected along with Commander Willie McCool for the 1996 Astronaut class. In addition, he attended the dedication of the Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School in Guam.

During the STS-132 mission, the astronauts delivered an integrated cargo carrier and a Russian-built mini research module to the International Space Station. The mission lasted 11 days and was the final planned launch of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis*.

"Many continue to be inspired by the idea of space and the knowledge to be gained from its study," Bordallo said. "I appreciate the contributions that these astronauts have made to the fields of science and technology through their work and for continuing to inspire young adults and children to achieve. I thanked the crew for taking the time to visit me today, and I look forward to their further contributions to our nation's critically important space program." (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo is joined, from left to right, by IST flight engineer T.J. Creamer, pilot Tony Antonelli, mission specialist Steve Bowen, and mission specialist Piers Sellers.

## Man who damaged vehicles gets 30-day prison term

The Superior Court has imposed a 30-day prison term on an ex-convict who damaged six vehicles in San Jose last year.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced George Moses Jr. to two years in prison, all suspended except for 30 days, for criminal mischief, with credit for the two days he had already served in jail.

The 22-year-old Moses will serve the 28 days without parole, starting on Aug. 15, 2010. After completing his sentence, Moses will be placed on two years of supervised release.

After considering the facts of this case and recommendations of counsel, Wiseman said he reluctantly accepts the terms and conditions of the plea agreement.

Wiseman said he accepts the government's representation that the victims are more concerned with Moses paying them for the damage he did to their cars rather than a term of imprisonment that would delay him from working and paying them.

Wiseman required Moses to report to the Community Guidance Center for evaluation and

barred him from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages during his two-year probation.

According to court records, Moses damaged six cars that were parked behind Mobil San Jose by jumping from one to another and breaking the cars' windshields on Dec. 27, 2009. The owners are tenants of an apartment complex in the area.

Moses has a prior criminal mischief conviction for destroying a payphone. In that case, he was sentenced to six days in jail.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

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The U.S. District Court of Arizona's stay order on Arizona's immigration law is a procedural matter that may have no importance to the ultimate outcome, according to acting public information officer Teresa Kim yesterday.

"A temporary injunction before a law goes into effect means that the question before the court is limited to one of law. There are no persons who have actually been affected by the law," said Kim in response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for comments from the Fitial administration about the order.

Kim said judges sometimes do this to make the case simpler and quicker to decide.

Judge Susan Bolton of the U.S. District Court of Arizona on Wednesday (CNMI time) stepped into the fight over Arizona's immigration law, blocking the measure's controversial provisions.

Bolton's preliminary injunction blocked provisions that include requiring verification of immigration status, arrest for failure to carry immigration papers, making it illegal for an illegal immigrant to solicit work, and allowing a warrantless arrest for a potentially removable alien.

According to Bolton, these provisions are all preempted by the federal immigration law.

In the Fitial administration's reaction to the order, Kim said the federal case is complicated by the fact that the U.S. Congress, in enacting Section 287g of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows Department of Homeland Security to fund state law enforcement efforts, specifically provided that it intended not to limit state law enforcement with respect to illegal immigration.

The CNMI government joined nine states in the filing of a friend-of-the-court brief supporting Arizona's controversial illegal immigration crackdown against a lawsuit filed by the Obama administration.

CNMI Attorney General Edward Buckingham approved supporting the brief filed by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

Besides the CNMI, joining the Michigan brief are Florida, Alabama, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, and Virginia.

The Obama lawsuit filed in federal court in Phoenix asserts that the law, supposed to take effect on July 29, usurps the federal government's "pre-eminent authority" under the U.S. Constitution to regulate immigration.

Obama stated that the Arizona law has the potential of violating the rights of innocent American citizens and legal residents, making them subject to possible stops or questioning because of what they look like or how they sound.

According to Cox in the brief, like Arizona, the State of Michigan and the amici states have the power to concurrently enforce federal immigration law, provided that the states do not create new categories of aliens or attempt to independently determine the immigration status of an alien.

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## Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation

On behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Navy (DoN), in cooperation with Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Air Force, has prepared the FEIS for the Guam and the CNMI Military Relocation. The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed actions, made up of complex, multi-service projects involving components of the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy, and Army. Included in the analysis are the following actions:

- Marine Corps' proposed facilities and infrastructure to accommodate their relocation to Guam, including associated training and operations on Guam and related actions such as utilities and roadway projects on Guam;
- Marine Corps' proposed development of live-fire training ranges to support training and operations that would occur on Tinian in the CNMI associated with their relocation to Guam;
- Navy's proposed deep-draft wharf with shoreside improvements creating a new capability in Apra Harbor, Guam, to support a transient nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; and
- Army's proposed facilities to accommodate an Air and Missile Defense Task Force on Guam.

The Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on July 28, 2010. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) will announce her Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Marine Corps relocation and aircraft carrier wharf in the *Federal Register* after the 30-day waiting period has ended. The Department of the Army may co-sign the Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Air and Missile Defense Task Force after the 30-day waiting period has ended.

The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

- University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents, Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923
- Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, GU 96910
- Joeten Kiyu Public Library, P.O. Box 501092, Saipan, MP 96950
- Northern Marianas College Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library, P.O. Box 501250, Saipan, MP 96950
- Tinian Public Library, P.O. Box 520704, Tinian, MP 96952

The FEIS is also available electronically on the project website <http://www.guambuildupeis.us>. For more information, contact the FEIS Project Manager Kyle Fujimoto, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860, Telephone: 808-472-1442.

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# Man allegedly beats up sister, hits her with crowbar



Junior Ambassadors Kassandra Tudela Royal and Jezreelyn Y. Bulaklak, with chaperone Tasia S. Bocago of the Marianas Visitors Authority at center, represented the Northern Mariana Islands at the Asian Pacific Children's Convention on July 18-27, 2010, in Fukuoka, Japan. MVA

ture international awareness in young people. The students lived with Japanese host families, taking part in day-to-day activities and learning about Japanese culture. In addition, Ambassadors learned about other cultures represented at the convention, when each regional delegation shared a cultural presentation with their counterparts.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for these children," said MVA Community Programs manager Martin Duenas. "We hope that each Junior Ambassador will bring back an increased awareness of our global interconnections, and that they will share this with their friends and families."

The APCC was founded in 1989 by the Fukuoka Junior Chamber. The annual convention hosts children from more than 30 countries and regions throughout the Asian-Pacific area. This year, over 300 children from 46 Asian locales will attend, including representatives from the Northern Marianas, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Tahiti, Australia, Hawaii, Philippines, and Guam.

For more information about the annual Convention, contact MVA's Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com or 1-670-664-3200. (MVA)

commander. Rohde and an Afghan colleague escaped in June 2009 after seven months in captivity, most spent in Taliban sanctuaries in Pakistan.

Samer Gul, chief of Logar's Charkh district, said the two sailors, in a four-wheel drive armored SUV, were seen Friday a week ago by a guard working for the district chief's office. The guard tried to flag down the vehicle, carrying a driver and a passenger, but it kept going, Gul said.

Gul said there is a well-paved road that leads into the Taliban area and suggested the Americans may have mistaken that for the main highway—which is much older and more dilapidated.

Elsewhere, violence continued Friday.

Four Afghan civilians were killed and three were injured when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in Zabul province of southern Afghanistan, provincial spokesman Mohammed Jan Rasoolyar said. When police arrived at the scene, Taliban fighters opened fire. One insurgent was killed, the spokesman said.

In Kandahar, a candidate in September's parliamentary election escaped assassination Friday when a bomb planted on a motorcycle exploded, city security chief Fazil Ahmad Sherzad said. The Interior Ministry said a woman and a child were killed and another child was wounded.

has not major investments in recent period.

Babauta, a former House speaker, said DPL has also identified \$13,426,706.40 in receivables early this week, mostly long overdue bad debts.

The receivables include unpaid public land leases, as well as long-term and short-term rentals.

"I can only assume that it's attributed to different factors, including the economic decline, the closures of all garment factories, especially in Lower Base," Babauta said.

DPL previously contemplated hiring a private collection firm to go after entities that owe DPL money, but this was

A woman sustained multiple injuries when her brother allegedly beat her up and hit her with a crowbar at their house in Tanapag Monday morning.

The victim had a lacerated eyelid and lumps on the forehead and near the left eye.

The victim's gold-colored Mitsubishi car was also damaged when her brother, Jesse James I. Sablan, shattered the front and rear windshields with the crowbar.

Sablan, 35, was arrested for assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief. Bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

Detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that police responded to a residence in Tanapag on Monday at 7:59am

after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Manacop said investigation showed that Sablan had arrived, looking for something.

Sablan allegedly said some profanities to the victim's son, prompting the victim to tell her son not to talk to the defendant.

Sablan allegedly punched the victim in the face, causing her to fall to the ground. He allegedly continued punching her and also hit her with a crowbar on the chest and back.

Sablan then shattered the windshields of the victim's car that was parked in front of the house.

That night, Sablan, accompanied by his other sister, surrendered to the Department of Public Safety where he was then arrested. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## NMI students join APPC in Japan

A student delegation led by the Marianas Visitors Authority returned Wednesday from Fukuoka, Japan, after participating in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Asian Pacific Children's Convention. The convention, held on July 18-27, invites children from the Asia-Pacific region to Fukuoka, Japan as "Junior Ambassadors." The goal of the convention is to improve each child's international understanding through intercultural exchange programs, such as home-stays, school visits, and ex-

change camps.

This year's Junior Ambassadors from the NMI were Kassandra Tudela Royal and Jezreelyn Y. Bulaklak, who were chaperoned by Tasia S. Bocago of the MVA.

This year's convention theme was, "We are the BRIDGE: We connect dreams around the world."

APCC works to generate appreciation for the cultures of other nations, with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and friendship to nur-

pulled from a river Wednesday evening, Afghan officials said. The Taliban offered no explanation for Newlove's death, but Afghan officials speculated he died of wounds suffered when the two were ambushed by the Taliban.

The discovery of Newlove's body only deepened the mystery of the men's disappearance nearly 60 miles (100 kilometers) from their base in Kabul. An investigation is under way, but with both sailors dead, U.S. authorities remain at a loss to explain what two junior enlisted men in noncombat jobs were doing driving alone in Logar—much of which is not under government control.

Newlove's father, Joseph Newlove, told KOMO-TV in Seattle he too was baffled why his son had left the relative safety of Kabul.

"He's never been out of that town. So why would he go out of that town? He wouldn't have," he said.

Senior military officials in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said the sailors were never assigned anywhere near where their bodies were found.

A NATO official in Kabul shot down speculation the two were abducted in Kabul and driven to Logar—the same province where New York Times reporter David Rohde was kidnapped in 2008 while trying to make contact with a Taliban

Babauta said DPL is hopeful that the Hong Kong investor, which has already sent a letter of interest, will pursue its investment plan on Saipan. He said DPL intends to keep the investor's identity at this time.

"If it materializes, this project will help realize economic growth. It could be slow but it will be a good start, and will provide employment opportunity to the people of the CNMI. They have already submitted a letter of interest, and we replied to that," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

Except for Triple J Saipan Inc.'s planned \$12 million worth of apartment buildings on private land along the beach in Chalan Kanoa, the CNMI

## INOS

From Page 1

by Sen. Jovita M. Taimanao (Ind-Rota), is now Rota Local Law 17-6.

Inos, originally from Rota, died of cancer in August 2009.

"The late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos dedicated most of her life to the education of the CNMI's community and served in various positions..." the Rota Legislative Delegation said.

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation, said yesterday there is no schedule yet for a dedication ceremony.

Under the new local law, the Rota mayor, in coordination with PSS, shall prepare a plan of dedication within 60 days from the effective date of the local law.

"After conducting public hearings on the local bill, there's unanimous support to renaming the junior high school. We appreciate the governor for signing the local bill into a local law," Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*.

During the transition period of renaming the Rota Junior High School, the school uniforms, materials, supplies, equipment and other resources bearing the name "Rota Junior High School" will still be used until depleted.

However, all new such school materials and equipment are required to bear the new school name.

Inos started as a bilingual teacher at Rota Elementary School on Rota, and San Antonio Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School on Saipan, from 1972 to 1976, before serving in higher posts.

She also served as deputy director of the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory.

In Inos' seven-year stint as PSS commissioner, PSS saw increased student academic achievement through the establishment of a data driven student achievement plan as measured by the

CNMI Standard Based Achievement Test and the Standard Achievement Test, 10th Edition, or SAT-10, and led the CNMI towards a standard-based curriculum and method of instruction and stringent graduation requirements for students in the core curriculum areas, the Rota Legislative Delegation said.

Rota lawmakers also said Inos led the CNMI toward a standards-based curriculum and method of instruction and stringent graduation requirements for students in the core curriculum areas, initiated an academic data driven system in the CNMI as a precursor to the enactment of the "No Child Left Behind" Program.

This program enabled the CNMI to readily comply with federal standards required by the BCLB through the establishment of PSS in 1998.

The Rota delegation also credited Inos with securing funding for the construction of five new schools on Saipan and Rota to accommodate more than 3,000 new students representing a 30-percent growth in student population.

Rota lawmakers also describe Inos as "a woman with great ethic, learned that in order to make a living, one must be dedicated and determined, and is shown throughout her endeavors."

Inos was also elected to the Second Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention in 1985 where she was vice chair to the Committee on Finance and Other Matters.

She also served as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents in February 2006, where she served as chairperson and in other capacities until her untimely passing.

"The late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, a woman dedicated to the education of the students and people of the Commonwealth, was a member of many prestigious organizations," the delegation said.

She was also an author and co-author of educational publications.

## INVESTOR

From Page 1

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday that the planned multi-million investment will be on the same area where a Korean investor, KSA Corp., previously proposed to build a hotel with villas and condotels.

DPL, in June 2008, terminated its public land lease with KSA Corp. for breach of its agreement, including failure to submit a business plan detailing the company's recovery proposal, source of funds to finance the project, and an architectural engineer's rendering of the proposed project.

below \$3 million in Fiscal Year 2011 as income from public land leases, beach side concessions, road side vendors and farmers/ranchers fees steadily decline.

DPL's FY 2011 projected revenue is only \$2.820 million, a 6-percent drop from the FY 2010 projected revenue.

DPL is tasked with managing leases of public lands on behalf of people of Northern Marianas descent.

After deducting administrative costs from the collected fees, DPL transfers the balance to the Marianas Public Land Trust, which then invests the money. Income earned from those investments is transferred to the general fund for appropriation by the Legislature.

put on hold.

"We have just used our own internal resources, personnel to collect receivables from DPL clients. Some clients have also entered into promissory notes with DPL, so they can have breathing room," he said.

These receivables include at least \$78,000 from Neo Gold Wings Paradise, which abandoned its estimated \$1 billion hotel resort and casino project on public lands on Tinian.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) also said last week that a Korean investor expressed interest in taking over ownership of an existing hotel also on public lands.

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## Obama's detrimental deadline

**P**resident Obama is caught on the horns of an Afghan deadline dilemma.

In December at West Point, the president pledged that "after 18 months, our troops will begin to come home."

He never spelled out the pace at which they'd leave, and he talked of a "responsible transition." But Afghans took him to mean we were heading for the exits.

This made the Taliban bolder and less likely to agree to a negotiated settlement. In other words, setting the 7/11 deadline made it less likely that it could be met. "The timeline is cutting our own throats," said David Kilcullen, author of the new book "Counterinsurgency" and an adviser to Gen. David Petraeus on strategy in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The administration finally recognized this trap and is now backpedaling on the deadline. Last year, Vice President Biden said "a whole lot of people" would be "moving out" of Afghanistan in July 2011, but last week he told ABC-TV the number could be "as few as a couple thousand troops." Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, said Wednesday that the timing and size of the withdrawal had not been decided.

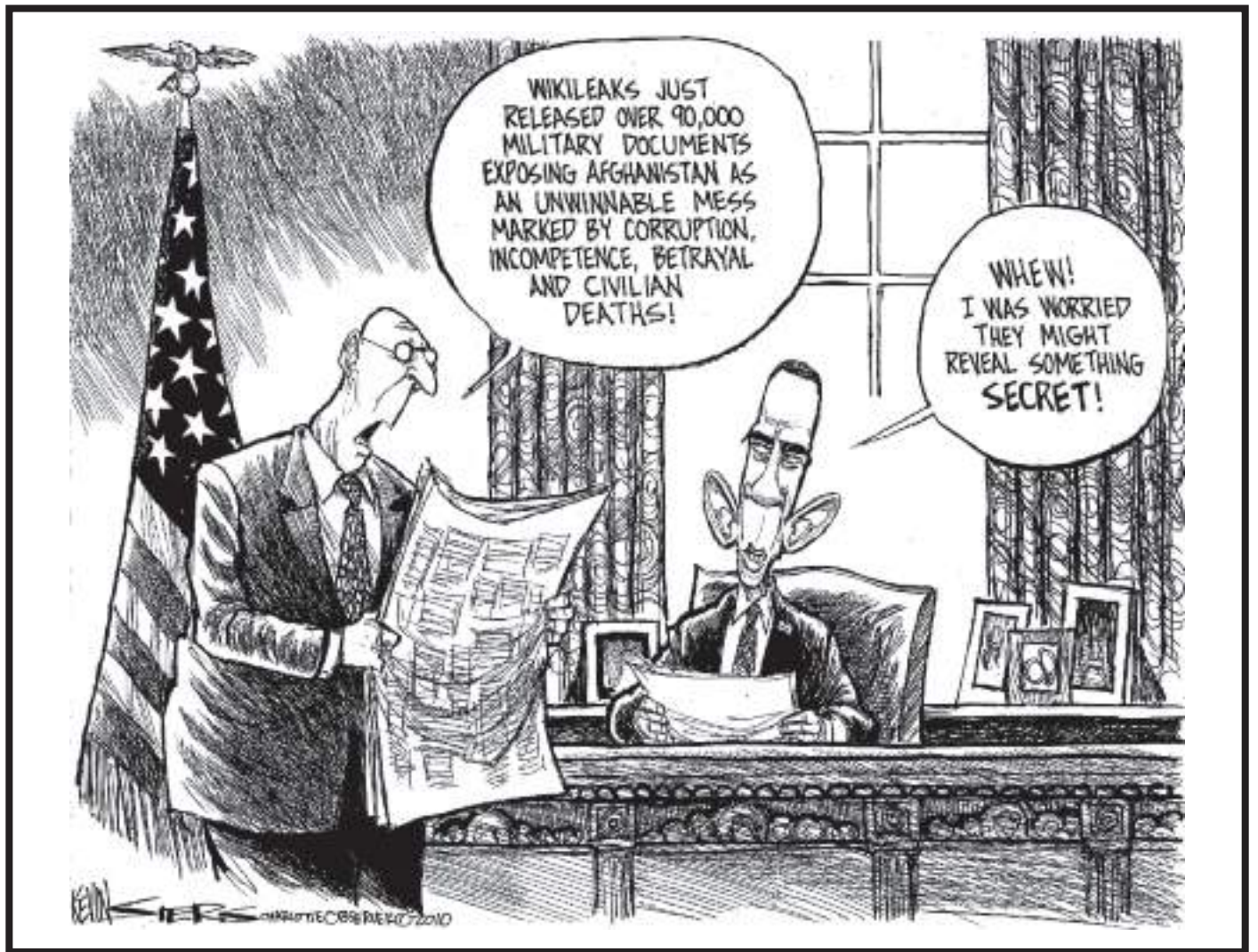
Yet domestic pressures are mounting: 153 House Democrats voted for a clearer timetable, and even some Republicans are getting war jitters. Meantime, U.S., European and other foreign leaders set a new deadline last week in Kabul, endorsing Afghan President Hamid Karzai's plan for his forces to take responsibility for security by 2014. Of course, no one believes the Afghan army and police will be able to protect their country on their own by 2014 (let alone 2011), unless the fighting diminishes before then.

So Obama is caught in the deadline cross fire. He doesn't want to get trapped in an endless war. But the best hope of withdrawing responsibly requires U.S. troops to shift the momentum, convincing the Taliban they cannot win and must break with al-Qaeda. At that point, the Afghan government could negotiate from a stronger position and bring some Taliban factions into the government. But the 2011 deadline has had the opposite effect.

Meantime, Karzai, believing the Americans are leaving, is frantically pursuing peace talks with top Taliban who show no interest in compromising. This has spurred non-Pashtun ethnic groups to start rearming to prevent the Pashtun Taliban from making a comeback. "People are clearing the decks for renewed civil war," Kilcullen said.

Those who've pushed for the 2011 deadline contend there's no way to shift momentum because there's no viable Afghan partner. They rightly note that the Karzai government's corruption has pushed the Afghan people toward the insurgents, even though they are highly unpopular.

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## Don't scorn Germany and Japan; learn from them

**I**n the midst of the Great Recession, the United States is suffering through nearly 10 percent unemployment, rising inequality and poverty, 47 million people without health insurance, declining retirement prospects for the middle class and a general increase in economic insecurity. The global marketplace has become tumultuous, so when we find a bright spot, one would think it deserves a mention.

How then should we regard a country that has 5 percent unemployment, the lowest income inequality, health care for all its people and is one of the world's leading exporters? On top of that, this country scores high on life expectancy, low on infant mortality, is at the top in math and literacy, and is low on crime, incarceration, homicides, mental illness and drug abuse, according to British researchers Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett in their seminal book, "The Spirit Level." It also has a low per-capita rate of carbon emissions, doing its part to reduce global warming. In all these categories, this particular country beats the United States by a country mile.

Doesn't that sound like a country from which Americans might learn a thing or two about how to get out of the hole in which we're stuck?

Not if that place is Japan. During and before the current economic crisis, few countries have been vilified as an economic basket case as much as the Land of the Rising Sun.

Google "Japan and its economy" and you will get many hits about Japan's allegedly sclerotic economy, its zombie banks, its painfully slow economic growth. Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* had an article about Japan's incurable deflation spiral. This malaise has been called "Japan syndrome," sounding like a disease to warn U.S. policy-makers, as in "you don't want to end up like Japan."

No one has been more influential in defining this narrative than Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman. Throughout the 1990s, and still today, Krugman has skewered Japan's economy and leaders. In the late 1990s, Krugman wrote a series of gloom-and-doom articles, bluntly stating in one: "The state of Japan is a scandal, an outrage, a reproach ... operating far below its productive capacity, simply because its consumers and investors do not spend enough."

But let's look at some of the Japanese metrics during that time. Throughout the 1990s, the Japanese unemployment rate was about—ready for this?—3 percent, or about half the U.S. unemployment rate at the time. During that allegedly "lost decade," Japan also had universal health care, low income inequality, the highest life expectancy, low infant mortality and low rates of crime and incarceration. Americans should be so lucky as to experience a Japa-

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nese-style lost decade.

Reopening the case of Japan raises some important questions. How do economists such as Krugman decide what to value and prioritize? How do they decide what to measure? What is an economy for? To produce the prosperity, security and services that people need? Or to satisfy economists and their theories and models?

In the current debate over fiscal stimulus versus deficit reduction as the best course for economic recovery, various economists now are criticizing Germany. Krugman says Germans are not spending or consuming enough to stimulate their economy—the same criticism he has leveled at Japan.

Yet in the early 1990s, when the United States was plagued by large deficits and recession, the Clinton administration didn't employ Krugman-type fiscal stimulus. Instead, it cut the deficit. By the end of the decade, the U.S. budget showed a sizable surplus and the economy was booming. Reality seems to defy economic theory on a frequent basis.

Japan's economy has been and remains successful. So is Germany's. They have reached an economic steady state in which they don't need roaring growth rates to provide for their people. But for the economic Cassandras, apparently it doesn't matter if people's needs are being met; what matters is whether their theories and equations balance.

Unfortunately, there is a common-sense aspect to this that gets lost amid all the headlines. Two of the lessons of our times are that economic bubbles eventually burst, and that the environmental consequences of unbridled growth are severe. U.S.-style trickle-down economics doesn't work anymore.

In other words, it's no longer strictly about economic growth; it's about sustainability and learning to do more with less. The world needs to figure out how economies can provide for their people without relying on destructive bubble-driven growth or overheating in a Venus-like atmosphere. This is not an easy challenge, yet it is the path that Japan, Germany and others have chosen. Americans would be wise to learn from them.



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## Immigration facts, figures, and thoughts

With the immigration debate heating up—and a federal court case over Arizona's SB 1070 brewing—you'd think that the U.S. was besieged by growing numbers of illegal immigrants. But you'd be wrong. Despite the heightened rhetoric and the bloodcurdling vitriol surrounding the issue, illegal immigration has actually declined significantly over the last few years. While journalists like to characterize the anger over immigration as a response to facts on the ground—i.e. people are inundated and incensed—the numbers don't bear them out.

In fact, the opposite is true. According to a February report by the Department of Homeland Security, the number of illegal immigrants living in the United States actually dropped by a whopping 1 million between 2008 and 2009, which amounts to the sharpest decrease in 30 years. It was the second year of declining numbers.

Likewise, the Border Patrol reports that apprehensions are down by more than 60 percent since 2000, to 550,000 last year, the lowest number in 35 years, even though the border is more tightly controlled than ever. As William Finnegan wrote in last week's *New Yorker*, "The southern border, far from being 'unsecured,' is in better shape than it has been for years—better managed and less porous."

And there's more. Despite the drumbeat about hordes of undocumented Mexicans who have come north to take our jobs, consider this: According to the Pew Hispanic Center, between 2005 and 2008, the number of Mexican migrants arriving in the U.S. actually declined by 40 percent.

It's not only the number of Mexican illegal immigrants that has dropped. The fact that the U.S. economy is struggling has discouraged high-skilled immigrants from around the globe from looking for jobs in America, and the flow of applicants for H1-B visas, or

work permits, has slowed. Before the recession, the entire 85,000 H1-B annual quota would be filled within days of the application date on the first of April. For fiscal year 2010, the quota wasn't reached until December 2009.

Finally, the Census Bureau's American Community Survey last fall revealed a historic decline in the percentage of U.S. residents who are foreign-born—from 12.6 percent in 2007 to 12.5 percent in 2008. That represents only about 40,000 people numerically, but it is the first time since the 1970 census—40 years ago—that the foreign-born percentage of the U.S. population has gone down.

So, in the face of all this data showing that legal and illegal immigration is down dramatically, what's all the fuss about? Why has the debate turned so nasty? Why does it seem worse than it did in 1994, during the debate over Proposition 187, California's anti-immigrant ballot measure?

The easy answer, of course, is that the economy is tough and historically people have looked for targets to blame for their feelings of impotence.

But today I think there are other contributing factors. The political discourse overall is pretty horrific, and while immigration has always brought out the worst in people, today's polarized climate only makes matters worse.

Furthermore, the right wing, where much of the anti-immigrant frenzy comes from, no longer has an authoritative voice of reason pressing for decency on the issue. Four years ago, after President George W. Bush unsuccessfully launched his own effort at comprehensive immigration reform, he warned against "harsh, ugly rhetoric." Today, Bush is hardly heard from and the right has an "open borders" policy on over-the-top rhetoric.

Struggling newspapers seeking to engage readers at any cost are

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also part of the problem. Whereas racist rants were once confined to marginal websites, today many papers—including this one—have opened their online comments section to, well, complete nut-jobs. Allowing vitriolic racial rhetoric to remain on a mainstream website is to give it a level of acceptability. Just last week, in response to my column on the so-called burka ban in France, a rabid commenter proposed that all those crossing the U.S.- Mexico border without papers should be shot on sight. Nice. Such "dialogue" not only pushes out reasonable people, it emboldens the unreasonable ones. By allowing it to be posted, newspapers are presiding over the mainstreaming of anti-immigrant hate speech.

There may be those who see hatred as a justifiable means to an end. Perhaps they hope that all this harsh rhetoric will keep even more illegal immigrants at home. But they'd be silly to think that such invective only makes life harder for immigrants. Unfortunately, it also actively degrades our culture, our public square and our democracy.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pass casino legislation now

To Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez: I am standing here before your committee in support of House Bill 17-55 and 17-56, to authorize casino operation on Saipan here in the Commonwealth. I reserve my comment on House Bill 17-56. I am in full support of House Bill 17-55 because it addresses the recent Superior Court judgment against the Commonwealth government with the NMI Retirement Fund. Proceeds from the casino will be set aside in the amount of 2.5 percent for Rota, 2.5 percent for Tinian and Aguigan, and 5 percent for Saipan for vital public services; the remaining amount shall remitted to the Retirement Fund until the court judgment are fully paid. The CNMI government was issued judgment in the amounted to \$232 million and counting to nearly \$300 million.

Specific provisions on House Bill 17-55, which I commended the legislators for not providing tax incentive, such as the Investment Act of 2000 (P.L. 12-32 and its amendments) to casino operators. In other words, there will be no qualifying tax certificate to casinos.

I recommend that we reduce the salaries of the commissioners from \$75,000 to \$50,000 per annum without reimbursement for expenses incurred in the line of business. Saipan has not established its casino and we are already giving salaries to commission members. We need to be profitable before we start addressing salaries for commission members. We need to include in the annual budget of the commission the operating expenses for the office of the commission and not for any member to justify the expenses incurred in the line of duty. Therefore, I recommend eliminating completely disbursement for reimbursement to commission members for expenses incurred in the line of duty. This

will eliminate potential abuse of the system.

On Section 206 licenses, eliminate completely (3) (A) regarding the "The Commission may restrict casinos to 250 rooms or more." This will ensure that we are not favoring hotels with 250 rooms to operate casinos. Section 207, fees and taxes, (a) (1) reduce the \$100,000 license fee to \$50,000 to attract casino operators on Saipan, and any reference of \$200,000 to \$50,000. The economy is very bad and we want to attract casino operators.

Establishing a casino here in Saipan will increase revenues to provide much needed government revenues for vital public services to our people. We need to increase our revenue and revitalize our dying economy here in the CNMI. We need to look at other revenue generating projects/ businesses such as casinos.

Last summer in the United States, I read from the *U.S.A. Today* that there were over 30 states that authorized casinos to augment the states' revenues because of the poor economy. In March 2010, our local newspaper reported that Singapore officially opened a \$5 billion casino resort and expects to open another \$6 billion casino resort by April 2010. Singapore ventured into casino operation because of the decline of its economy!

Mr. Chairman, as we continue to delay the implementation of casinos here on Saipan, we might be missing the boat, the boat to make casino operation profitable. We are now going to compete with neighboring Asia. Should Guam venture into casino operation, a casino in the CNMI might not be financially profitable. Let us pass this casino legislation without any delay before it's too late to entice

operators to establish a casino here on Saipan.

As I indicated earlier about casino control, I meant casino should cater primarily to tourists and locals who could afford to play in the casino. Not just for everyone, especially locals who are low-income and food stamp recipients. We need to remove all the poker arcades on the villages and move them to the casino establishments, where it is safe and decent for the tourist. Presently, poker arcades located in villages result in large number of the burglaries and crimes. Casino operation will have full time security guards and well-lighted facilities to deter crimes.

You might be interested to know that I visit San Diego often and I reside near three major casino operations within a 10-minute drive. I haven't heard of major crimes such as burglaries or prostitutions because of casino. Tinian established a casino for years and had not had major crimes. On the other hand, Saipan is without casino and there are numerous crimes! Personally, I think the crimes are committed because of the bad economy; people resort to committing crimes to put food on the table and to satisfy their needs. Let us not wait until Saipan residents cannot live in their own homes comfortably because of fear of being burglarized or hurt.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 17-55 casino legislation.

**Juan M. Sablan**  
*As Teo, Saipan*

## Just an injunction

There is a lot of interest here in the CNMI about what's going in Arizona because we are grappling with our own immigration issues. After Judge Bolton's ruling, I am sure there are critics of the CNMI who will be writing to say, "See I told so!" But before everyone gets all excited, the ruling is simply an injunction to prevent certain portions of Arizona's immigration law from going into effect. Judge Bolton has yet to rule on the merits of the law.

It's just the beginning of a long battle, which is expected to go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Regardless of what the U.S. Supreme Court holds, if one is present in the CNMI illegally, it is a violation of CNMI and federal law. Another thing to remember is that we are unlike one of the 50 states. Our relationship is governed by the Covenant and we don't have a voting member in Congress. In any event, how federal immigration will impact the CNMI remains to be seen.

**Marie Rios Martinez**  
*via e-mail*

## OBAMA

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Some 7/11 advocates seek a quick U.S. withdrawal. Bad idea. Not only would it precipitate civil and regional war, but it would also galvanize jihadis worldwide as al-Qaeda proclaimed victory over the leading superpower. It would also further destabilize neighboring Pakistan, a nuclear-armed country already threatened by radical Islamists within.

Others call for the United States to return to a light footprint, meaning troop cuts and withdrawal to bases in Kabul and Kandahar, while U.S. Special Forces and airpower continue fighting. This approach failed after our initial victory over the Taliban, and it's hard to see how it could work now. If most of the country were left to the Taliban, tribal leaders would stop providing intelligence, supply routes would be cut, and U.S. enclaves would be vulnerable. Bombing mobile insurgents in populated areas would not solve the problems.

If I think this is a recipe for Dien Bien Phu in the Hindu Kush, I said Kilcullen, referring to the disastrous 1954 defeat of French troops

in Vietnam.

Everyone knows the United States cannot remain in Afghanistan indefinitely. However, the unexpected change of U.S. command in Afghanistan and the arrival of Gen. David Petraeus provide one last chance to do counterinsurgency right.

Obama's troop surge will come fully online only by late August. Petraeus has already squeezed Karzai into endorsing a program for reintegrating low- and mid-level Taliban into society and a plan to train village self-defense forces.

Can the general persuade local Afghans to stand up against the Taliban? Maybe. Can he persuade Karzai to devolve more powers and channel more international aid funds to local officials? Possibly.

And can he persuade Karzai to clean up his act, and that of his brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, whose corruption has undercut the long-awaited offensive in Kandahar? Perhaps. Petraeus' main activity in Iraq, I said Kilcullen, was to meet with (President Nouri al) Maliki every night, coercing, persuading, until he did the right thing. No doubt he will try the same with Karzai.






Given the lack of good alternatives, the least bad is to stop talking about deadlines and give the general a fair shot.



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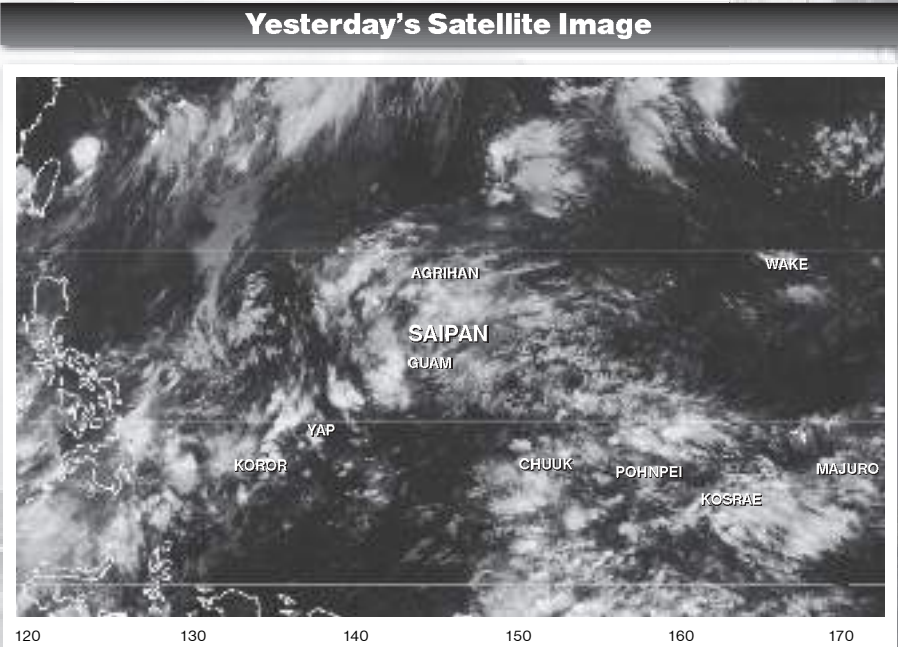
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Yap	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲ 58 ▼ 54
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 76 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 58
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 58 ▼ 44
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 65
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 94 ▼ 82
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 60
Pusan	Windy	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Rome	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 68
Salem	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 51
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 79
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 79
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 70

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
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10:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
4:49 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northward from 1N132E to an upper low centered north of Koror at 16N134E then turns northeastward through 25N at 149E. Widely scattered to scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are near the trough axis over Palau, Yap and just southwest of Guam within 150 miles of a line from 6N130E to 13N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther north over the northern CNMI between 15N and 21N from 133E to 147E and also near Minami Torishima or north of a line from 23N148E to 22N153E. Another upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island at 25N171E. Isolated thunderstorms are seen near the low north of a line from 24N168E to 22N174E to 23N178E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across much of eastern Micronesia from Chuuk eastward to Ebon Atoll in the Marshall Islands between the equator and 11N from 149E to 170E and from Majuro to the date line between 5N and 11N from 170E to 180.

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Monday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM	Monday	11:09 PM	11:22 AM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM	Tuesday	11:52 PM	12:13 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM	Wednesday		1:08 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 20, 2010									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM					GUAM-ROTA (ROP)				
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5		C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7	
SAIPAN-GUAM					GUAM-SAIPAN				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily		C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily	
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily		C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily	
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily	
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily		C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily	
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily		C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily		DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily	
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily		DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-NAGOYA					NAGOYA-SAIPAN				
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily		DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)					OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN				
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily		OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BEIJING					BEIJING-SAIPAN				
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OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX		OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7	
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM		DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT	
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT		C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM	
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO		OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM		OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau		PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
OZ606/703	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN		C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM	
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Rota-Saipan					FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily	
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily		FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily	
Guam-Rota					FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily	
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Rota-Guam					FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily	
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CATHOLIC										
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm	8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)									
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm	<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> English Service: 9-11am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday									
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm	<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm									
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am	<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)									
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<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm	<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm									
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm	<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620									
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm	<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm									
<b>San Jose (Oleal) Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 7:30am Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm	<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)									
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am	<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm									
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm	<b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm									
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism	<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm									
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am	<b>First Baptist Church</b> (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church) Afetna St., San Antonio Sunday <table><tr><td>9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am</td><td>Regular worship</td></tr><tr><td>6pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Wednesday <table><tr><td>7pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.		9am	Sunday school	10am	Regular worship	6pm	worship	7pm	worship
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PROTESTANT										
<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm										
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm										
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm										
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm										
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau, Call 235-0545 for directions										
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm										
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)										
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158										
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal										

# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

JULY 31, 2000

## DPS beefs up intelligence work

The Department of Public Safety has expanded its Criminal Intelligence Section to cope with different types of domestic and international crimes occurring in the CNMI. DPS Commissioner Charles W. Ingram said the four units of CIS, namely international crimes, domestic crimes, drug trafficking and criminal intelligence analysis, were created to specifically meet the increase in work loads. Requests from other countries and agencies within the United States have increased for assistance in locating some people. On domestic crimes, most of the data comes from the Criminal Investigation Bureau but the CIS will take charge in analyzing the information to see any pattern or crime trends in the criminal activity.

## House moves to address water issues

The House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications is set to come up with comprehensive legislation addressing water problems on Saipan, particularly the quality of its groundwater resources. The panel is scheduled to meet this morning with private well owners, water companies and the business sector such as the hotel and garment manufacturing association to begin discussion on the issue. Committee chair Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho said the meeting will be part of education campaign on the water situation on the island as well as an effort to gather input and recommendations in aid of legislation.

JULY 31, 2001

## CUC mulls water metering

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is planning to implement metering on water services throughout Saipan in its effort to solve the water crisis on the island, where at least 3 million gallons of water are wasted daily. This developed as a special task force formed by the CUC found out that Manila's specialized meters can calculate accurate water usage regardless of the water flow—a metering technology that may solve Saipan's existing metering problems. "Much of this (water) loss can be attributed to businesses and homes that do not have meters. If customers pay a flat rate, they tend not to worry about household leaks, overflowing catchment tanks, wasteful practices, or the number of showers everyone takes each day," the CUC said.

## DPH: Prioritize residents' health

The Department of Public Health yesterday prodded environment agencies to side with a PCB treatment measure that would ensure Tanapag villagers' protection from additional exposure to toxic substances. In a letter to the Division of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency and the US Army Corps of Engineers, DPH strongly advised that any on-site treatment method must include appropriate monitoring for Dioxin, PCBs, and POCs in the process emissions during the soil treatment process. This, in addition to the thorough sampling of Dioxin, PCBs and metals in the treated soils.

"Our major concern relates to the current health and well being of the Tanapag villagers. As always, our focus has been to protect the villagers from additional exposure to PCBs as well as other toxic materials present in the soil," said DPH Medical Director Dr. Richard Brostrom.

JULY 31, 2002

## Beach Road goes under microscope

The Division of Environmental Quality yesterday said it is assessing the entire Beach Road to pinpoint areas where stormwater runoff is heavy, following the excessive bacterial contamination of over half of Saipan's coastline last week. DEQ's nonpoint source pollution branch manager, Frances Castro, said the agency will also discuss the possible tapping of funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which earlier disclosed that President Bush included some \$21 million in the proposed Fiscal Year 2003 national budget for watershed protection and restoration initiative. "Right now, for the Beach Road, we have this project... known as the Beach Road Area Management Project. We're going to do an assessment here on Beach Road and look at places where runoff is most active when there is heavy rainfall," she said.

## User's fee public hearing set

The House Committee on Ways and Means has announced that it will conduct its public hearing on the proposed bill to increase the user's fee to 5 percent on Thursday, at 7pm. This flies in the face of the garment sector's appeal to panel chairman Rep. Stanley T. Torres to hold off calling for the public hearing until mid-August to give it a chance to prepare and ensure the presence on-island of garment factory owners. Torres issued the notice of public hearing on House Bill 13-158 yesterday afternoon, saying the hearing would be held at the House chamber on the evening of August 1.

# Business

## Economic growth likely slowed in second quarter

WASHINGTON (AP)—The already fragile economic recovery may be getting weaker.

Economists expect the government to report Friday that economic growth slowed in the April-to-June quarter as consumers bought less, builders pulled back further, and cash-hungry state and local governments cut spending.

Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters predict the economy expanded at a 2.5 percent pace in the second quarter. If they are right, that would be down from a lackluster 2.7 percent pace in the first three months of the year. And, it would mark the second straight quarter of slowing growth.

With the economy growing at such a subpar speed, unemployment—now at 9.5 percent—is likely to stay high.

It takes about 3 percent growth just to create enough jobs to keep pace with the population increase.

Growth would have to equal 5 percent for a full year to drive the unemployment rate down by 1 percentage point. Neither the Obama administration nor the Federal Reserve expect that to happen.

Gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services—from machinery to manicures—produced within the

United States. It is the best gauge of the nation's economic health.

Risks to the recovery have grown, and some fear it could stall out.

Consumer confidence is tumbling. The unemployed face fierce competition to find work. Those with jobs are seeing scant wage gains. Home values—often Americans' single-biggest asset—are weak. That explains why consumers are not in a mood to spend lavishly like they usually do in the early stages of an economic recovery.

It's also a major reason why the pace of this recovery is considered feeble by historical standards. When the country was recovering from a severe recession in the early 1980s, for instance, the economy's growth exceeded 7 percent for five quarters.

"The recovery looks subpar and risks are growing," said Chris Rupkey, economist at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi.

Businesses are wary, too. Uncertain about the durability of the recovery, they are sitting on record piles of cash, loath to use the money to hire new workers and expand operations. Caterpillar Inc., Dupont Co. and Microsoft Corp. are among companies reporting strong second-quarter earnings in the past two weeks yet they aren't ready to bulk up their work forces.

## NY suit seeks \$30 million in Madoff family money

NEW YORK (AP)—The court-appointed trustee seeking to recover billions of dollars lost by jailed financier Bernard Madoff sued three entities Thursday to get back more than \$30 million that he said the Madoff family had invested, mostly in oil and gas properties and technology companies.

The three lawsuits filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan by Irving Picard are a follow-up to a lawsuit he filed in November seeking nearly \$200 million from family members who he said lived lavishly while using the family finance business like a "piggy bank."

Picard wrote sarcastically in the latest lawsuits that Madoff was "quite generous" with the money he stole from thousands of customers in history's largest Ponzi scheme.

"Foremost among the recipients of Madoff's gifts of customer funds were his closest family members, including his wife Ruth Madoff, his brother Peter, his two sons Andrew and Mark and his niece Shana," Picard said.

"With respect to Mark and Andrew, the lawsuits are without merit, both factually and legally,"

said Martin Flumenbaum, a lawyer for Madoff's sons.

Peter Chavkin, a lawyer for Ruth Madoff, declined to comment.

Messages left with lawyers for Peter and Shana Madoff were not immediately returned.

The 72-year-old Madoff is serving a 150-year prison sentence after admitting that he never invested tens of billions of dollars he received from investors.

Defendants named in the lawsuits Thursday included Madoff Energy Holdings LLC, Conglomerate Gas Resources, Madoff Technologies, Madoff Brokerage & Trading Technology LLC, Primex Holdings LLC and Madoff Family LLC. Picard said the entities were controlled by Madoff family members, many of whom worked for Madoff.

The lawsuits sought more than \$22 million invested in technology companies, more than \$5 million invested in oil and gas properties and another \$3 million from the Madoff Family Fund, which included investments in a hedge fund and a biotechnology company.



# Nation

## Ariz. files appeal as sheriff launches new sweep

PHOENIX (AP)—The showdown over Arizona's immigration law played out in court and on Phoenix's sun-splashed streets on Thursday, as the state sought to reinstate key parts of the measure and angry protesters chanted that they refused to "live in fear." Dozens were arrested.

A federal judge's decision a day earlier to block the strict law's most controversial elements didn't dampen the raging immigration debate.

The judge has been threatened. Protesters rallied in cities from Los Angeles to New York. The sheriff of the state's most populous county vowed to continue targeting illegal immigrants. Lawmakers or candidates in as many as 18 states say they still want to push similar measures.

Along the U.S.-Mexico border, life continued as before, with officials sending back people who were captured while attempting to cross.

In Phoenix, hundreds of the law's opponents massed at a downtown jail, beating on the metal door and forcing sheriff's deputies to call for backup. Officers arrested at least 32 people, and dozens more were detained



Micaela Haro, front right, joins hundreds of members of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor as they march to the Arizona state capitol building to protest Arizona's SB1070 immigration-enforcement law Thursday, July 29, 2010 in Phoenix.

elsewhere throughout the day.

Activists focused their rage at Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the 78-year-old ex-federal drug agent known for his immigration sweeps.

Outside his downtown office, marchers chanted "Sheriff Joe, we are here. We will not live in fear."

One was dressed in a papier-mache "Sheriff Joe" head and prison garb. Arpaio said he'd continue with a Thursday sweep.

"I'm not going to be intimidated and stopped," he said. "If I have to go out and get in the car, I'll do it."

Activists, armed with video

cameras and aided by others listening to police scanners, roamed the county's neighborhoods, saying they were ready to document any deputies harassing Hispanics.

In Tucson, between 50 and 100 people on both sides of the issue gathered at a street corner.

### Fed atty: Military secrets sold to pay for HI home

HONOLULU (AP)—A federal prosecutor said Thursday a former B-2 bomber engineer helped China design a stealth cruise missile to raise money to pay the \$15,000-a-month mortgage on the mansion-like home he built on Maui's north shore.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Sorenson told a jury in closing arguments to a four-month-long trial that Noshir Gowadia wove a "world wide web of deception" to sell military secrets to China.

"The desperation began once he started building that house," Sorenson said.

The prosecutor showed the jury e-mail messages Gowadia allegedly exchanged with his Chinese contacts to arrange meetings and payments, and to transfer his cruise missile part designs. Sorenson outlined how Gowadia allegedly pushed his contacts for more money, citing his unique knowledge and expertise.

Gowadia's defense attorney, David Klein, told the jury the trial wasn't about visceral or gut reactions but was about applying the law.

Both sides were due to continue their arguments later in the day.

Gowadia, who has been in federal detention since his 2005 arrest, has pleaded not guilty to 17 counts, including conspiracy, violating the arms export control act and money laundering. The trial began in April.

## Panel hits Rangel with 13 ethics charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—House investigators accused veteran New York Rep. Charles Rangel of 13 violations of congressional ethics standards on Thursday, throwing a cloud over his four-decade political career and raising worries for fellow Democrats about the fall elections.

The allegations include failure to report rental income from vacation property in the Dominican Republic and hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional income and assets on his financial disclosure statements.

Other charges focused on Rangel's use of congressional staff and stationery to raise money for a college center in New York named after him; accepting favors and benefits from the donors that may have influenced his congressional actions; use of a subsidized New York apartment as a campaign office instead of a residence;

and misuse of the congressional free mail privilege.

"Even though they are serious charges, I'm prepared to prove that the only thing I've ever had in my 50 years of public service is service," Rangel told reporters Thursday night. "That's what I've done and if I've been overzealous providing that service, I can't make an excuse for the serious violations."

The charges came as lawyers for Rangel and the House ethics committee worked out a plea deal, according to people familiar with the talks. But Republicans on the ethics committee indicated it was too late.

The deal between the lawyers has little meaning if the committee members don't approve it, and Republicans in-

sisted—at the first meeting of a House panel deciding Rangel's fate—that the case go forward with an ethics trial. The panel is evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.



Rangel

"Mr. Rangel was given multiple opportunities to settle this matter. Instead, he chose to move forward to the public trial phase," said Rep. Jo Bonner of Alabama, the senior Republican on the ethics panel.

Chairman Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., has made clear that she wants the committee to be unanimous—leaving little chance for agreement without Rangel capitulating on virtually all counts.

Many Democrats had urged Rangel to settle the case to avoid the prospect of televised hearings right before November

About 200 protesters blocked a busy Los Angeles intersection, with police arrested about a dozen who were linked with plastic pipes and chains.

In New York, about 300 immigrant advocates rallied near the federal courthouse in lower Manhattan.

"It's one step closer for us, but I think the fight is still ahead," said Adelfa Lugo, a 56-year-old Mexican-born Brooklyn resident who joined the protest. "If we don't fight this in Arizona, this anti-immigrant feeling will spread across the country."

Since Wednesday's ruling, U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton has received thousands of phone calls and e-mails. Some were positive, but others were "from people venting and who have expressed their displeasure in a perverted way," said David Gonzales, the U.S. Marshal for Arizona.

Gonzales said his agents are taking some of the threats to Bolton seriously. He wouldn't say how many there were or whether any threats were coming from recognized hate groups. He refused to discuss any extra security measures, which U.S. marshals routinely provide federal judges.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### 1 dead, 3 sickened at Pa. water treatment plant

SEWICKLEY, Pa. (AP)—A sewage plant employee became faint and died Thursday while working in a 30-foot hole, and three other people who tried to rescue him were overcome by an unknown gas and had to be hospitalized, officials said. Jack Hogan, 31, of Baden, was the worker who died, said Sewickley Borough Manager Kevin Flannery. Hogan, who was hired in June, was married and his wife gave birth to a child about eight weeks ago, Flannery said. "The borough family's taken a real loss," Flannery said. "It's a sad day for all of us." Hogan was working in the hole and fell back into it as he was trying to climb out shortly before 1 p.m., Flannery said. Hogan radioed for help after becoming faint, said Tom Rabickow, a forensic supervisor with the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's office.

#### 1,200 homes under evacuation orders in LA County

PALMDALE, Calif. (AP)—An out-of-control wildfire has burned through more than 7 square miles and forced hundreds of evacuations in the hills around Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County. Fire Inspector Matt Levesque said about 1,200 homes in Leona Valley and parts of Palmdale are under mandatory evacuation orders Thursday evening. KCAL-TV showed at least two structures fully engulfed in flames. The blaze, burning north of State Route 14, jumped Elizabeth Lake Road in several places, sending firefighters and sheriff's deputies scattering.

#### Police: Cheeseburger found in SC woman's gas tank

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina woman found out fast food won't make your car go fast. The Herald of Rock Hill reported Thursday a 30-year-old woman made a complaint to police after she took her car to a Rock Hill mechanic last week because it would suddenly stop running. Police said a mechanic found a cheeseburger and pickle inside the car's gas tank. The woman told officers she had no idea how it happened. Investigators said the damage cost about \$1,000 to repair.

## House rejects bill to aid sick 9/11 responders

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill that would have provided up to \$7.4 billion in aid to people sickened by World Trade Center dust fell short in the House on Thursday, raising the possibility that the bulk of compensation for the ill will come from a legal settlement hammered out in the federal courts.

The bill would have provided free health care and compensation payments to 9/11 rescue and recovery workers

who fell ill after working in the trade center ruins.

It failed to win the needed two-thirds majority, 255-159. The vote was largely along party lines, with 12 Republicans joining Democrats supporting the measure.

For weeks, a judge and teams of lawyers have been urging 10,000 former ground zero workers to sign on to a court-supervised settlement that would split \$713 million among peo-

ple who developed respiratory problems and other illnesses after inhaling trade center ash.

The court deal shares some similarities with the aid program that the federal legislation would have created, but it involves far less money. Only the most seriously ill of the thousands of police officers, firefighters and construction workers suing New York City over their exposure to the dust would be eligible for a hefty payout.

But supporters of the deal have been saying the court settlement is the only realistic option for the sick, because Congress will never act.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you can wait and wait and wait for that legislation ... it's not passing," Kenneth Feinberg, the former special master of the federal 9/11 victim compensation fund, told an audience of ground zero responders Monday in a meeting on Staten Island.



# Asia

## 267 killed by Pakistan floods



People use a boat to rescue people stranded from their houses after heavy rain fall caused flooding in Nowshera near Peshawar, Pakistan on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)**—The death toll in three days of flooding in Pakistan reached at least 267 on Friday, rescue and government officials said, as rains bloated rivers, submerged villages, and triggered landslides.

The rising toll of the monsoon rains underscore the poor infrastructure in impoverished Pakistan, where under-equipped rescue workers were struggling to reach people stranded in far-

flung villages.

Pakistani TV showed striking images of people clinging to fences and other stationary items as water at times gushed over their heads.

The northwest appeared to be the hardest hit, and Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the information minister for the province, said it was the worst flooding in the region since 1929.

At least 245 people died in

various parts of that province over the last three days, said Mujahid Khan of the Edhi Foundation, a privately run rescue service that operates morgues and ambulances across the South Asian country.

In Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, at least 22 people had been confirmed dead as of Thursday evening, the area's prime minister, Sardar Attique Khan, told reporters.

## Rain slows hunt for air crash bodies in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—Anguished relatives sought the remains of loved ones killed in Pakistan's worst-ever plane crash, some grieving at a hospital collecting bodies Thursday and others joining the recovery effort at the hillside crash site laden by heavy rain and mud.

The Airbus A321 plane operated by Pakistani carrier Airblue crashed into hills overlooking Islamabad during stormy weather Wednesday, killing all 152 people aboard. Aircraft pieces, bodies and belongings were scattered over

the heavily forested slopes.

The plane had been ordered to take an alternative approach to the runway, but had veered off course, the Civil Aviation Authority said. Officials said it had lost contact with the control tower before the crash. Investigators were searching for the "black box" flight recorder amid the wreckage to help establish what happened.

"The fact remains it flew where it should not have done," said Riazul Haq, director general of the agency.

Rescue workers searched areas of the hills scorched by the crash, but they struggled through the mud and relentless rain. Helicopters could not fly in the downpour and low clouds, said Ramzan Sajid, a spokesman for the Capital Development Authority, which helps handle emergencies.

The rain caused flooding elsewhere in the country that washed away roads, collapsed homes and killed at least 60 people in the northwest alone, with many others missing.

pected separatist rebels triggered a land mine explosion Friday that killed at least four paramilitary soldiers and injured 25 others in India's remote northeastern state of Assam, police said. The soldiers were traveling in two buses when the militants used a remote control device to trigger the explosion, said Luis Aind, district superintendent of police. The blast occurred near the town of Goalpara, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) west of the state capital, Gauhati. Four soldiers were killed instantly, Aind said. The wounded soldiers, some of them with critical injuries, were taken to a nearby hospital. It was not immediately clear if both the buses were hit by the explosion, said Aind, speaking by telephone from Goalpara.

**Grenade explodes by Thai shopping mall; 1 wounded**

**BANGKOK (AP)**—A grenade

exploded near a Bangkok shopping mall early Friday, injuring one person and rattling the Thai capital less than a week after a similar blast left a bystander dead and several more hospitalized. Authorities have declined to speculate if the explosions are linked to the country's ongoing political turbulence. The latest grenade was hidden in a garbage bag and placed alongside other trash bags in front of a residential building opposite the King Power duty-free shopping center in the Din Daeng neighborhood of Bangkok, said police Capt. Nitti Niruttiwat. It exploded at 1:30 a.m. and seriously injured a bystander, he said. "The bomb squad found the safety pin of a grenade amid the debris at the crime scene and the area was reeking with petrol," he told The Associated Press, adding that investigators had not yet determined how the blast was triggered.

# World

## Top Mexican drug lord killed

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—One of the top three leaders of Mexico's most powerful drug cartel, Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, was killed Thursday in a gunbattle with soldiers, the Mexican army announced.

The death of Coronel, 56, is the biggest strike yet against Sinaloa cartel led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman—Mexico's top drug lord—since President Felipe Calderon launched a military offensive against drug traffickers in late 2006.

According to the FBI, which offered a \$5 million reward for Coronel, he was believed to be "the forerunner in producing massive amounts of methamphetamine in clandestine laboratories in Mexico, then smuggling it into the U.S."

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Gen. Edgar Ruiz Villegas said an army raid was closing in on one of Coronel's safehouses in an upscale suburb of the western city of Guadalajara, when the drug lord opened fire on soldiers.

"Nacho Coronel tried to escape, and fired on military personnel, killing one soldier and wounding another," Ruiz Villegas said at a news conference in Mexico City. "Responding to the attack, this 'capo' died."

Coronel's downfall came amid persistent allegations that Calderon's administration appeared to be favoring the



Coronel

Sinaloa cartel, or not hitting it as hard as other drug gangs.

Those allegations have drawn angry denials from the president and his top law enforcement officials, who point to the 2009 arrest of Vicente "El Vicentillo" Zambada—the son of Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, Sinaloa's No. 2 leader—as proof they were going after the gang.

The detention is the biggest blow against Mexico's drug gangs since drug lord Arturo Beltran Leyva and six of his bodyguards were killed in a Dec. 16 raid by Mexican marines in the central city of Cuernavaca.

## Eternal City grapples with endless vandalism

**ROME (AP)**—They knock the noses off statues in a park that was a favorite haunt of poet John Keats and throw dye into the iconic Trevi Fountain.

Vandals are increasingly on the prowl in the Eternal City—and now Italian authorities are fighting back, sending more police, installing cameras and even considering using convicts to protect monuments and artworks.

For the troublemakers nothing is sacred: earlier this month vandals left anti-pope graffiti on the Scala Santa, or Holy Stairs, a major Catholic site that draws pilgrims from around the world who climb its 28 marble steps on their knees.

Compounded by pollution, negligence and a chronic shortage of funding, vandalism adds to the city's difficulties in preserving its unique artistic heritage, forcing officials to use valuable funds in emergency restoration.

What makes protecting the Italian capital especially challenging is the sheer wealth of

its treasures.

"You'd need an army of 20 million people to be there every day, every night," says Daniel Berger, an art consultant with Italy's Culture Ministry. "You have to somehow protect them by encouraging people to understand that it's their heritage, and that it's the Western European culture."

Officials have beefed up police patrols of monuments and parks—including sending plainclothes officers mingling with the crowd of visitors—and have installed CCTV.

## Al-Qaida plants flag, burns bodies in Iraq attack

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Militants flew an al-Qaida flag over a Baghdad neighborhood Thursday after killing 16 security officials and burning some of their bodies in a brazen afternoon attack that served as a grim reminder of continued insurgent strength in Iraq's capital.

It was the bloodiest attack in a day that included the deaths of 23 Iraqi soldiers, policemen and other security forces across the

country who were targeted by shootings and roadside bombs.

The mayhem serves as a stark warning that insurgents are trying to make a comeback three months after their two top leaders were killed in an airstrike on their safehouse, and as the U.S. military presence decreases day by day.

The complex attack began when militants struck a checkpoint in the largely Sunni neigh-

borhood of Azamiyah, once a stronghold of insurgents that in recent years has become more peaceful. Then the militants set it on fire, burning several of the soldiers' bodies, according to an army officer who was on patrol in the neighborhood. Minutes later, attackers detonated three roadside bombs nearby.

Hospital, police and military officials all confirmed the death toll.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### China criticizes Clinton comments on island chains

**BEIJING (AP)**—China's military on Friday criticized remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that Washington had a strong interest in seeing territorial disputes in the South China Sea resolved peacefully. Ministry spokesman Geng Yansheng told reporters that China opposes the internationalization of the matter. China claims the entire sea and its island chains as territorial waters over which it exercises complete sovereignty, although Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei, and the Philippines also claim some or all of the islands that lie amid vital shipping lanes and are believed to have large oil and natural gas reserves.

#### Police say 4 soldiers killed in landmine attack

**GAUHATI, India (AP)**—Sus-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Raging Russian fires destroy homes, people flee

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Raging forest fires encircled a southern Russian city and tore through provincial villages Thursday, forcing mass evacuations as Moscow suffered through a record, weeks-long heat wave and smog cloud caused by peat-bog fires. Some 212,506 acres (86,000 hectares) were burning nationwide, and flames all but encircled the city of Voronezh, 300 miles southeast of Moscow. Forest fires on Moscow's outskirts reached the city's western fringe, in the Krylatskoye district, but were extinguished toward night-

fall. State television pictures showed the evacuation by ambulance of a Voronezh city hospital. Channel One said more than 800 patients were transferred to other facilities as flames approached the city's outskirts and thick smoke lowered visibility. Hundreds of children were evacuated from at least seven summer camps, according to the regional Emergency Ministry website.

#### US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez closes for security

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—The U.S. closed its consulate in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez on Thursday pending a

security review, an unexpected decision that comes months after drug gangs killed three people tied to the consulate. The U.S. Embassy announced the consulate will "remain closed until the security review is completed" and said it would reschedule appointments for visa applications. The embassy did not say what prompted the review, and a spokesman said there would be no comment beyond the statement. A U.S. employee of the consulate, her husband and a Mexican tied to the consulate were killed March 13 when drug gang fired on their cars as they left a children's party in the city across from El Paso, Texas.



# Maharlika

## PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

Saturday, July 31, 2010

# From clothes to food: A Filipino's quest for the Saipan dream

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**C**lothes may make the man but Rowena Velasco believes it's quality clothes that make anyone.

Having worked in the garment industry as part of the quality control assurance team for more than 20 years, Velasco is accustomed to making sure that clothes have utmost quality.

Velasco, 45, started working as QCA back in the Philippines, where she gained experience working for Sportswear International for five years in Baler, Quezon City. The company manufactures merchandise for well-known sports brands such as Adidas, Puma, and Converse.

Velasco found out about a job opening for the defunct Luen Thai garment factory through its manpower agency in the Philippines, the MMDC.

She recounted that, of the seven applicants that applied for the position in March 1994, Velasco was the only one who got hired by the agency.

According to Velasco, she was interviewed by L&T vice president Tommy Ching in May 1994. Six months after, she was aboard an aircraft headed to Saipan.

Velasco said she worked for L&T, which later became Concorde Garment Manufacturing Corp., from 1994 to 2007, until the garment factory ceased doing business on Saipan.

After working for 13 years in the garment industry on Saipan, Velasco was saddened when the company shut down.

"Too bad we all had to lose our jobs. For me, it was my only source of income," she said.

## JIL Church celebrates its 13th anniversary

The Jesus is Lord Church Saipan celebrated its 13th foundation anniversary on July 25, 2010, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, at Susupe Multi-Purpose Hall on Saipan.

A total of 278 people attended the very enthusiastic celebration, which was filled with praise and worship songs led by the dynamic JIL Music Team.

In his speech, senior pastor Rev. Rufo Lane L. Armia focused on the anniversary's theme, "Your Kingdom Comes," asking church members the question, "What would we find in the Kingdom of God?"

Former congresswoman Tina Sablan and lawyer Jose Santo Domingo, who represented the Philippines Consulate General, gave inspirational messages.

The JIL Saipan Christian Youth for the Nations joined up with the JIL Kid-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

The facade of Island Pares & Palutuan. It is located on Tainobiou St. next to Maganda Utang Mini Mart in Garapan.

Not once did Velasco think about going back to the Philippines, saying the length of years she stayed on the island would've been wasted if she did.

Luckily for Velasco, she found a job as a house worker with Adam Cafege, after being unemployed for a month.

Velasco stayed with her employer for two years until Cafege moved to California.

Out of work for the second time, Velasco never got discouraged and instead strived to stay on island while trying to get a job.

Velasco certainly felt that providence was on her side because in September of 2009, she landed a job as a cook, which

is one thing she also enjoys.

### Island Pares

According to Velasco, her new employer, Janvir Corp., took about two months to set up everything needed for their new food business, the Island Pares & Palutuan.

After hard work and perseverance, Island Pares & Palutuan finally opened to the public on Nov. 16, 2009.

According to Velasco, the concept of Island Pares & Palutuan is like the *dampa* in the Philippines, where people can buy fresh meat and vegetables and have someone cook it for you.

Island Pares & Palutuan dishes up a

wide array of delectable dishes for its customers, said Velasco.

Velasco said Island Pares & Palutuan takes pride in serving scrumptious food that's easy on the budget.

With less than a year in business, Velasco said they have already been able to gain regular customers.

These customers are not only from their neighbors but also from establishments such as DFS Saipan and Star Sands Plaza, she added.

Aside from serving freshly prepared food, Velasco said they also sell lunch bento that comes with free dessert for only \$3.

Velasco said their patrons love their specialty dishes, including hot ribs, fresh lumpia, chopsuey, and their very own pancit.

Velasco said they also accept catering orders at very affordable prices. They charge \$20 to \$25 for dishes in small trays and \$35 to \$40 for big trays, depending on the kind of dish the customer wants.

Velasco remains hopeful that Island Pares & Palutuan will improve in the future, adding that if it does pick up, they plan to expand their services like selling fresh fish and doing delivery.

"Once you try our food, you'll keep coming back for more," Velasco added.

Located on Tainobiou St. next to Maganda Utang Mini Mart, Island Pares & Palutuan is open Mondays through Fridays, from 10am to 7pm. They accept pre-orders for weekend events but orders must be made at least two days in advance.

For information, text Rowena Velasco at 989-9626 or call at 233-2020.

## Tagalog Sunday Mass to mark Cory's death anniversary

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The Philippine Consulate General's Office, United Filipino Organization, and the Kristo Rai Parish will offer a Mass to observe the first death anniversary of former Philippine president Corazon Cojuangco Aquino.

The Mass will be held at 6pm on Sunday, August 1 at the Kristo Rai Parish in Garapan.

Parish administrator Fr. Celso G. Magbanua, Jr. will officiate.

"The Mass will be held in remembrance of the former president, whose vision and aspirations for our country will hopefully be carried on by her son, our new president Benigno 'Noy' Aquino III," UFO president Olive Yana told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig said it is only fitting that Filipinos on Saipan commemorate the death of someone who "truly deserves whatever honor and praise Filipinos give her."

"Cory Aquino is the icon of democracy in the Philippines. Her sacrifices brought a lot of good things for the country," Macaraig said, adding that Filipinos will be "eternally grateful to her."

Born in Jan. 25, 1933, Aquino was the 11<sup>th</sup> president of the Republic of the Philippines and the first woman to hold that position.

Aquino was married to renowned opposition senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr. whose assassination instigated the 1986 People Power revolution.

On March 4, 2008, Aquino was diagnosed with colon cancer. She died after a year and a half of battle with cancer on Aug. 1, 2009, at the age of 76.

### Tagalog Mass

The 6pm Mass is also offered for the first anniversary of conducting Tagalog Masses at the Kristo Rai parish.

The Tagalog Mass was initiated by Magbanua and Fr. Noli Alparce and is held at 6pm on Sundays.

According to Yana, the Tagalog Mass accommodates Filipinos on Saipan who feel more comfortable hearing the Mass in their native language.

A get-together will follow immediately after the Mass at the parish social hall.



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JIL Saipan Senior Pastor Raffy Armia (sixth from left, pose with, from left, former congresswoman Tina Sablan, Pastor Brendon Perez, Pastor Gabriel, Sister Evelyn Armia, attorney Jose Sto. Domingo, Pastor Paul Medina and Pastor Lito Role.

doz 4 to present special dance numbers, followed by the JIL Kiddoz 3.

The final presentation was a hand mime that delighted the audience.

Pastors from different churches graced the event, including Pastor Salvador Cunanan of JIL Tinian Outreach, Pastor Brendon Perez of Victorious

Christian Church, Pastor Paul Medina of Marianas Christian Church, Pastor Alvaro Samonte of Saipan Bible Fellowship, Pastors James Azardon and Lito Role of Christian Bible Fellowship, and Pastor Gabriel of Redeemer Maranatha Church.

After the celebration, packed meals

were distributed.

The schedule of JIL Church Sunday Worship Services are:

■ English Service: 7:30am to 9am

■ Tagalog Service: 9am to 11am

■ Tagalog Service: 6pm to 8pm

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# RP Supreme Court slams Hacienda Luisita

## » SC: 13th month pay cut a badge of bad faith

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**MANILA, Philippines**—The Supreme Court has ruled that the sugar mill in the sprawling plantation owned by President Aquino's family had acted in "bad faith" when it reduced its workers' 13th month pay following a violent strike that left 14 people dead.

In a unanimous July 26 decision that was released yesterday, the court's second division ordered Central Azucarera de Tarlac, which operates the sugar mill and refinery in Hacienda Luisita, to honor its long-established formula in computing the bonus.

Noting that the benefit enjoyed for 30 years was only reduced after the bloody strike in 2004, the court declared that "this act of petitioner in changing the formula at this time cannot be sanctioned as it indicates a badge of bad faith."

The court also is to decide on the long pending petition for a temporary restraining order filed by Hacienda Luisita against a directive from the Department of Agrarian Reform seeking the distribution of the 5,000-hectare sugar plantation to its workers.

The DAR has ruled that the stock distribution arrangement in lieu of land distribution did not improve but rather diminished the living conditions of the hacienda's

8,000 workers, contrary to the vision of the 1987 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

The Aquino family has said that the DAR ruling was a reprisal against former President Corazon Aquino who joined calls for the resignation of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo following allegations she stole the 2004 election, a charge Arroyo has denied.

CARP was the centerpiece of a social amelioration program promised by the late President Aquino, mother of the newly elected Chief Executive. Economists say land reform is a key to lifting a third of the nation's population from extreme poverty.

Mr. Aquino did not spell out a policy on agrarian reform in his State of the Nation Address on Monday.

### Business plantation-style

A new version of CARP passed last year called for the redistribution within five years of more than 1 million of the most productive agricultural lands that have escaped agrarian reform for over two decades since the first Aquino administration.

The sugar mill is run by Mr. Aquino's cousin, Fernando Cojuangco, as chief operating officer. Cojuangco is also COO of the holding company of Hacienda Luisita.

Cojuangco last year told *The New York Times* that his family, which secured ownership of the hacienda in 1958 under a deal guaranteed by the government on condition that it would be eventually distributed to its farmers, had no intention of giving up the estate.

"It's the kind of business that has to be done plantation-style," the *Times* quoted Cojuangco as saying.

### Voluntariness of grant

The Central Azucarera de Tarlac Labor Union had questioned the diminution of its members' 13th month pay in a petition in 2006.

"The voluntariness of the grant of the benefit was manifested by the number of years the employer had paid the benefit to its employee. Petitioner (CAT) only changed the formula in the computation of the 13th month pay after almost 30 years and only after the dispute between the management and employees erupted," the court said, speaking through Associate Justice Eduardo Nachura.

Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and Associate Justices Diosdado Peralta and Roberto Abad concurred in the decision.

The court noted that employees of Central Azucarera de Tarlac, one of the country's biggest sugar refineries, had been

receiving the mandatory 13th month pay since 1975.

Since 1975, the management had computed the 13th month pay as total basic annual salary divided by 12 months. The total basic annual salary included basic monthly salary, premium pay for work on rest days and special holidays, night shift differential pay and holiday pay.

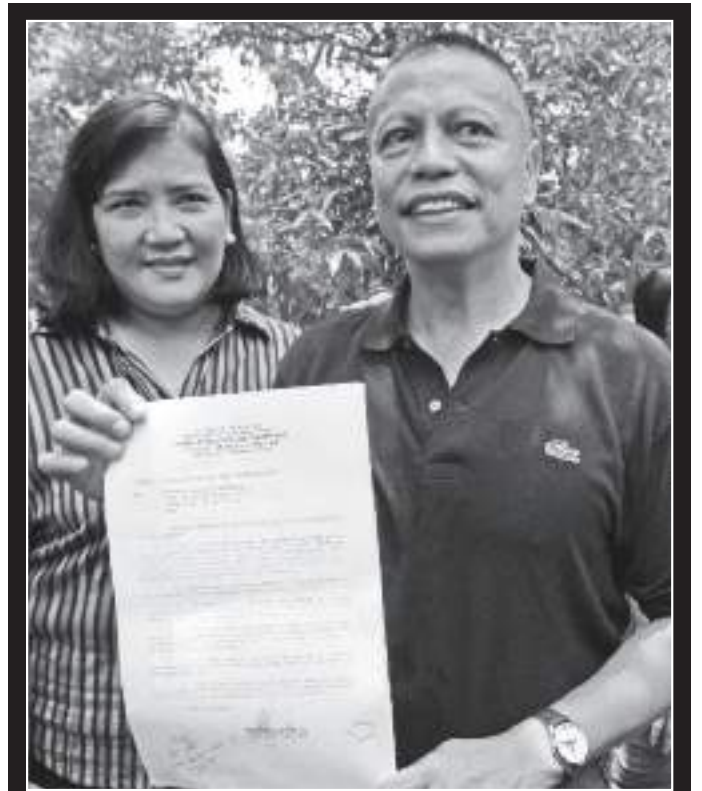
### Violent dispersal

But the computation was changed in 2006.

On Nov. 6, 2004, the workers staged a strike to demand the reinstatement of some 327 union members and leaders fired by the management of Hacienda Luisita. The strike led to a violent dispersal that killed 14 people, including young children, and wounded scores others.

Central Azucarera de Tarlac did not resume operations until December 2005 when all the striking union members were allowed to return to work. However, the management again temporarily suspended operations in April and May 2006.

From June to September 2006, employees were told to report only for 15 days a month on a rotation basis. The company said the total annual earnings should have been divided by eight and not 12 months since they only worked for eight months in 2006.



### PROVISIONAL LIBERTY

Former Philippine Marine Col. Ariel Querubin shows the document for his provisional liberty as his wife Maria Flor stands beside him Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at the headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines. Querubin was detained for four years after figuring in a failed attempt to overthrow the administration of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

## Audit shows May 10 polls 99.6 percent accurate

By **TINA SANTOS**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Automated elections are here to stay.

This was the pronouncement of Jose Melo, chair of the Commission on Elections (Comelec), after results of a random manual audit of ballots from the May 10 polls showed a 99.6-percent accuracy.

Henrietta de Villa, chair of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), yesterday presented a report on the audit of 1,145 clustered precincts, which declared that the results of the automated elections were accurate.

The report said that none of the presidential, vice presidential, congressional, guber-

natorial and mayoral races audited in the selected precincts "failed the accuracy test of 99 percent."

Melo said he was heartened by the findings, which compared the results of the voting machines with the manual count conducted by auditors.

"It is a very encouraging report. It means that the machines worked 99 percent," the Comelec chief said.

That losing politicians conceded after preliminary results were known a day after the polls closed was a sign that the automated election system was trustworthy, Melo said.

"Automation is here to stay. As long as we have the money, we will automate," Melo said.

### Critic skeptical

But one of the information technology critics of the Comelec is skeptical of the audit results.

Augusto Lagman said the Comelec request for a proposal from the private sector for an automated election system had mandated that the voting machines have a 99.99-percent accuracy rate.

Lagman said the findings of the random manual audit "do not meet that requirement."

### Discretion

De Villa said the PPCRV could not use the accuracy threshold for the voting machines because the audit was subject to a host of external and human factors.

"The auditors used discretion in reading the votes. The machines

did not have that," she said.

In addition, the National Statistics Office (NSO) determined the allowable margin of variance for the audit, according to De Villa.

### Delay questioned

Lagman also questioned the delay in the release of the results. "I'm not happy about it. Why only now? That itself is a failure," he added.

De Villa said the audit team had several logistical and procedural problems that dragged the audit for several weeks.

The random manual audit only managed to count 1,046 clustered precincts, which translated to about 500,000 votes. De Villa said the remaining precincts were not able to send their results to the Comelec.

brackets across urban areas nationwide were interviewed.

### Online presence

But Garton said that while the outlook for the Philippine newspaper industry remained rosy, publishers should be proactive enough to complement their print editions with online versions, and even social networking tools that would attract more readers, particularly the youth.

"Traditional media have become mainstream media in the sense that they are now operating across platforms. News-

papers continue to occupy an important place in the lives of people with high spending power, but there has been some decline—around 2 percent—in newspaper readership from last year," Garton said.

"The challenge for publishers is to provide best-in-class news both in print and online. This will serve the needs of the 'on-demand' generation. Social media services and platforms should also be explored. Traditional media have been forced to embrace online and mobile platforms," he said.

## Newspapers remain top source of info

By **ABIGAIL L. HO**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Metro Manila residents, whether young or old, are still largely getting their information fix from newspapers, according to market research firm Synovate.

"Are newspapers dead? No. In fact, newspapers continue to play a very important role in the lives of the better informed," Synovate executive

director for media Steve Garton told reporters yesterday.

Garton added that Internet penetration in the Philippines was still too low for people to shift to the Web for their news.

The latest Synovate Media Atlas said newspaper reach was highest among those in the AB economic bracket at 62 percent, followed by the C+ bracket at 48 percent, and the C- bracket at 38 percent.

For the survey, 829 people aged 15-64 from all income

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# US orders pullout of OFWs in Iraq by August 9

**MANILA, Philippines**—At least 6,000 overseas Filipino workers hired by US contractors to work in military camps in war-torn Iraq are expected home by August 9 this year after the United States military ordered their return in time for its own pullout.

In a memorandum dated July

20, US Air Force Colonel Richard Nolan of Central Command's Contracting Command said contractors who hired people from countries which prohibit work and travel to Iraq must return them home. He noted that eight such people were left behind by their employers in Iraq.

"This letter serves notice that

all contractors operating in Iraq have 20 days from the date of this letter to ensure their employees comply with US and international law and understand their redeployment responsibilities under the terms of their contract," said Nolan, senior contracting officer in Iraq.

He said all the camps in Iraq

where the foreign workers are housed will be inspected after the 20-day period expires to ensure compliance. Violating contractors may be blacklisted from future US government contracts.

Aside from the Philippines, Nepal was mentioned by Nolan as among those that ban travel and work to Iraq.

In a related development, Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs Esteban Conejos welcomed the US military order which matches the July 2004 Philippine travel ban to Iraq. The Philippines imposed the ban after Iraqi militants kidnapped OFWs Angelo Dela Cruz and Robert Tarongoy, causing political backlash in

the Philippines.

"We've always asked [US and other countries] to respect our ban. We have always asked them to please help us because *delikado nga sa Iraq* (it's dangerous in Iraq). They've never been heeded until now, when they're winding down their operations," he said.

Aside from the US, jump-off points to Iraq like Jordan, United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait have been asked to help the Philippine government enforce the ban, Conejos said.

The DFA official also ruled out the possibility of lifting the ban because "it's still dangerous there."

Besides, he said, the thrust of the new government is to create

jobs here.

Carmelita Dimzon, administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, said her agency offers returning OFWs a start-up capital loan of P10,000.

She said the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration may have to put these OFWs from Iraq on a priority list for redeployment abroad.

"They have upgraded their skills in Iraq, and there are still unfilled job orders in Qatar, for instance," Dimzon said.

"This is an opportunity for POEA to create of pool of returning workers from Iraq for either redeployment abroad or work or business enterprise here," she added. (*INQUIRER.net*)

## Abu Sayyaf co-founder pleads guilty in US

**WASHINGTON**—A founding member of Al-Qaeda-linked Philippine militant group Abu Sayyaf pled guilty Wednesday in a court in Washington to the 1995 kidnap of 16 people, including four US citizens.

Madhatta Haipe, a Philippine citizen who was extradited to the United States in 2009, pled guilty to four counts of hostage taking and faces up to 25 years in prison as part of a plea agreement, the Justice Department said.

Haipe admitted organizing the kidnap of four US citizens, one US permanent resident and 11 Philippine citizens in December 1995 near remote waterfalls on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

He told the hostages they would be held for ransom, and warned the group, which included six children, that militants would track and kill them if they told anyone about their kidnapping after their release.

Four hostages were released shortly after being kidnapped,

and the rest were freed days later after a ransom was paid.

Haipe, 48, was indicted before a US court in 2000, and Philippine authorities extradited him to the United States in August 2009, the Justice Department said.

"For roughly 15 years, FBI agents, Justice Department prosecutors and authorities in the Philippines relentlessly pursued this matter on behalf of the victims, who were held hostage and threatened with death by this Abu Sayyaf leader," said David Kris, assistant attorney general for national security.

"With today's guilty plea, Mr. Haipe is finally being held accountable for his actions."

US Attorney for the District of Columbia Ronald Machen said the case was intended to send "a clear message."

"We will never tire in our pursuit of justice for those who seek to harm American citizens, whether at home or abroad," he said. "Today's guilty plea dem-

onstrates that there will be serious consequences for those who commit such crimes."

Haipe is scheduled to be sentenced on December 14, and faces up to 25 years in prison as part of a plea agreement.

Abu-Sayyaf, a US-designated terror organization, was founded in the 1990s with seed money from Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda-network to fight for an independent Muslim state in the south of the mainly Catholic nation, Philippine military intelligence officials say.

The militants often resort to kidnappings, mainly targeting foreigners and Christians, to raise funds from ransoms. Failure to pay ransoms often results in the beheading of the hostages.

The group is also capable of much bigger strikes, such as the bombing of a ferry in Manila Bay in 2004 that claimed more than 100 lives and was the nation's worst terrorist attack. (*Agence France-Presse*)



### THANKS FOR FACEBOOK

Suspect Mark Dizon, center, is escorted out of detention for a medical check up at Angeles City Police Office Wednesday July 28, 2010 in Angeles city, northern Philippines, hours after his arrest by Philippine National Police operatives at San Fernando, La Union province also in northern Philippines. Philippine police have tracked down Dizon in connection with a series of grisly robberies and killings with the help of his Facebook account, officials said. Police said Dizon, 28, a computer technician, allegedly killed three foreign nationals, and six local residents in Angeles city in separate incidents in the past two weeks. At left is Angeles city Mayor Ed Pamintuan.

## No Filipino on plane that crashed in Pakistan—DFA

**MANILA, Philippines**—There is no indication that a Filipino was on board an airplane that crashed in Pakistan Wednesday, an official of the

Department of Foreign Affairs said.

"The report from the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad indicates that there are no Fili-

pinos on board the blue airplane that crashed," said Ed Malaya.

There were over 100 people on the ill-fated flight. (*INQUIRER.net*)

## 'Improving economy—not tweaking labor policies—is key to more jobs'

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Instead of "tinkering" with labor policies to create more jobs, an expert from the University of the Philippines School of Economics urged the Aquino administration to focus its efforts on improving the country's anemic economic growth in order to create more employment opportunities.

The country's poor economic growth remains the single biggest hindrance to generating more jobs for Filipinos, Dr. Emmanuel Esguerra, Upse professor, said in a piece he delivered at the 10th Ayala Corp.-Upse economic forum on job creation: "What's labor policy got to do with it?"

Higher growth, he said, would only be achieved by increasing investments and by addressing other issues surrounding growth, such as tax-

tion, public spending and infrastructure development.

"The main bottleneck to employment creation is the country's capacity to grow so that reforms are best directed at issues of taxation, government spending, infrastructure development and building investor confidence," Esguerra said in his presentation.

"Given the conflicting results of studies regarding the impact of labor-market policies, growth and employment, policymakers are well-advised to focus on [addressing] the bottlenecks to growth, rather than trying to tinker some more with these types of labor-market intervention," he said.

Esguerra said the most common labor-market policy is minimum wage, which remains a fiercely debated issue. In terms of the level of minimum wage in 2007 using purchasing-power parity dollar values,

the country had the 28th highest minimum wage out of 130 economies.

In terms of levels of minimum wages relative to gross domestic product (GDP) per capita among developing and transition economies, the International Labor Organization in March 2009, showed that the minimum-wage-to-GDP ratio of the Philippines was 150 percent.

Despite the relatively high minimum wage in the country, many of the poor do not benefit from it, Esguerra said, noting that 38 percent of non-agricultural workers and 78 percent of agriculture workers receive wages lower than the minimum wage.

He also said that close to 50 percent of workers belonging to the 15-24 age group earn below the minimum wage.

Esguerra said the minimum wage should be a safety net but

because the minimum-wage policies have too many objectives, there is a need to agree on what it is for—a safety net or a wage floor which is used as a benchmark for wage bargaining.

"Minimum wage should be a 'safety net,' but fact is it has been set beyond that level; viewed as second to the most problematic among labor policies after restrictions on worker termination. Firms without fiscal incentives, those with export orientation, domestically owned, of larger size and younger, tended to have stronger views against the current minimum-wage policy," he said.

"Aside from employment and income distribution effects, there are also effects on unions, [collective bargaining agreements] and inflation," he added.

Esguerra urged the Aquino administration to focus its attention on creating growth to

allow an increase in employment opportunities, as well as investments in human capital, such as improving education and providing training for workers to avoid permanent displacement.

Esguerra noted that the 2009 preliminary findings in the Yearbook of Labor Statistics showed that close to 30,000 workers were displaced in the National Capital Region alone.

"Displaced workers have a low re-absorption rate and options limited to short-term jobs. A high percentage either becomes unemployed or prematurely exits the labor force, making re-absorption more difficult. [Their] exit from labor force becomes permanent with skills deterioration," Esguerra said.

Data showed that between 2007 and 2008, the Philippines's unemployment rate was pegged at 7.4 percent, while the labor force participation rate

was at 64.9 percent, he said.

Compared to neighboring countries, labor-force participation rate is the lowest in the Philippines and the unemployment rate is, the second highest, Esguerra said.

Thailand has the highest labor-force participation rate of 72.5 percent and the lowest unemployment rate of 1.4 percent.

Further, 2009 data showed that the highest number of unemployed in the Philippines belonged to the 15 to 24-years-old age group, which had an unemployment rate of 17.6 percent.

"Human-capital investment is key to employment security. The best insurance against permanent job loss is lifelong education and training. But this needs to be complemented by a labor-market-information system and some form of income support to mitigate losses arising from job separations," Esguerra said.



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## Popular noontime show Wowowee is scrapped



Willie Revillame

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**MANILA, Philippines**—It's officially goodbye for a popular daily noontime show as the television network that launched it decided to replace it starting this Saturday.

In an official statement, ABS-CBN said that "Pilipinas Win Na Win" would take the place of "Wowowee."

"Ang Pilipinas Win Na Win ay papalit sa Wowowee [Pilipinas Win Na Win will replace Wowowee]," the network said.

It described the new program as a "game and variety show that would give Filipinos happiness and hope wherever they may be," the network said.

It added that former "Wowowee" host Willie Revillame has been informed of the development through his manager.

"Si Willie Revillame, sa

pamamagitan ng kanyang manager, ay nasabihan na tungkol sa pagbabagong ito," ABS-CBN said.

It said that Revillame has also been informed of the new program that would be given to him to be announced at the right time.

The new show will have action star Robin Padilla and Kris Aquino as its hosts, along with former mainstays of "Wowowee" Mariel Rodriguez, Valerie Concepcion and comedian Pokwang.

Padilla became a temporary host of "Wowowee" for a week following Revillame's abrupt leave from the show after a much publicized dispute with showbiz radio commentator Jobert Sualdito.

At the helm of Pilipinas Win Na Win are Director Johnny Manahan, creative Director Bobot Mortiz, Business Unit Head Jay Montelibano, Executive

### Robin-Kris in Willie's slot

**MANILA, Philippines**—Robin Padilla told the Inquirer he was "very happy" about his new game show with Kris Aquino, which replaces "Wowowee" starting Saturday, July 31.

ABS-CBN announced the launch of "Pilipinas For The Win" in a statement released Tuesday.

In a text message, Padilla said: "I am very happy ... I consider this a way of serving Filipinos. All I ever wanted is to serve my compatriots, wherever they may be in the world."

The network said "Wowowee" co-hosts Valerie Concepcion, Mariel Rodriguez and Pokwang will be retained in

the new game-variety show, Monday to Saturday, after "Showtime."

Bong Osorio, network corporate communications head, said "Wowowee" host (on vacation) Willie Revillame was informed about the new development through his manager, Arlene de Castro.

Osorio said a new program was being planned for Revillame. He added that "Pilipinas" will be managed by director Johnny Manahan and creative director Bobot Mortiz.

Mortiz, a close friend of Revillame's, told the Inquirer that Revillame was "okay." (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Producers Phoebe Anievas and Rancy Recato.

"Wowowee" aired in 2005. In 2006, 71 people were killed

in a stampede at the Ultra Stadium in Pasig City during the first year anniversary show of the popular noontime program.

### ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

**LOS ANGELES**—When we interviewed director Ryan Murphy in Cancun, Mexico about "Eat Pray Love," his film with Julia Roberts, we grabbed the chance to ask him how he came to cast Charice Pempengco in his hit TV show "Glee."

"I knew of Charice because she was on 'Oprah,'" began Ryan, casual in an all-white outfit in a Ritz Carlton meeting room with a stunning view of the Yucatan Peninsula coastline. "I saw those clips of her singing. One of the producers had heard of her, too, and met with her. I had to meet her, myself. She came in—she's so tiny and cute. I thought we were just going to be introduced. I'd heard her album. She said, 'Do you want me to sing for you?' I said, 'Okay.' She opened her laptop... she had a demo—she hit play and she sang. She was in my office for half an hour. When that girl opens her mouth, angels fly out."

"I was just so taken by Charice," enthused the director, who created the series about a high school glee club, which won the Golden Globe Best TV Series-Musical or Comedy early this year and earned 19 nominations in the coming Emmy Awards. "I loved her spirit. I loved the story of her and her mother. She was just so proud telling me that she had bought her mother a house. So it went from just being a meeting to, 'Oh, I have to put that girl in that show somehow.' So we're writing her a really good role. She's going to start in the first episode of the new season. I'm really happy. That's one of those things where somebody walks in and you're just so touched that you say, 'I have to write something for you.' So that's how it happened."

We asked Ryan, who also created the acclaimed FX drama series "Nip/Tuck" and directed the feature film "Running with Scissors," to confirm if Charice's character is a recurring one that we'll see in coming seasons. He answered, "You never know with that show, but Charice's role is the same size that Jonathan Groff's character had this year—her character is not in every episode but she will be in a lot of episodes. She is the rival of Lea Michele's character. That's what Charice plays. I wanted to do a diva-off thing."

### Casting controversy

On the controversy about stories announcing that the Filipina singing sensation has been cast in the phenomenally popular show before it was made official, Ryan said with a smile, "I heard about that."

We talked to Ryan before the uproar over Charice,

## How Charice was cast in 'Glee'

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who is only 18, having Botox injections and an anti-aging procedure in preparation for her appearances on "Glee." We were also outraged that the young Filipina singer/actress underwent such treatment despite the fact that Ryan cast her based on her talent.

Asked about a feature film version of "Glee," Ryan demurred, saying, "I don't know. I always thought that if I was going to do a 'Glee' movie, it would be like the Madonna episode. But it would be an event. We're going to be on after the Super Bowl this year. We're going to do a big tribute episode to a big artist and that's going to be an event. I have a philosophy about television like, if you have an idea, don't hold it back for six months because you may no longer be on the air by that time. Do it now. Use your weapons that you have now. That's what makes for really lively, exciting television because there's a lot of story that you move through, as opposed to little dollops."

### 'Glee' tour

Ryan revealed plans for the next "Glee" concert tour. "The first tour was so big and unexpectedly popular," he remarked. "I had never directed a tour before. I didn't know what the hell I was doing but it worked. So next year, we're going to do 45 to 60 dates. This year, we did 12 dates. We're going to do a really big tour and maybe we'll film that. Maybe we'll do that as a movie. But I don't know what a 'Glee' movie would be. Also, the thing about television is that you need to go away for a while. Let people miss you. If you're on a tour and in a movie, they may be like, 'Enough, it's too much.' So I don't want to kill it."

"Glee's" second season, in which Charice debuts, is on Sept. 21. Javier Bardem, who co-stars in "Eat Pray Love," and John Stamos are the other stars appearing in the series set in McKinley High School. Also in store are episodes highlighting the songs of Britney Spears, a tribute to the cult camp classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and another ode to Madonna. There's a lot of speculation as to who the "big artist" will be featured in the episode which Ryan mentioned will be shown after the Super Bowl.

### High profile

Ryan goes high profile as a writer-director when "Eat Pray Love," his adaptation of Elizabeth "Liz" Gilbert's best-selling memoir in search of herself across Italy, India and Indonesia, is released in the US in August. Julia portrays Liz with Javier Bardem as Felipe (Liz's current husband), James Franco (David), Billy Crudup (ex-husband Steven) and Richard Jenkins (Richard).

He explained how "Glee" and his other projects, including "Eat..." reflect what's going on in his life. "I read that book as a fan and I gave copies of the book as gifts to a lot of people," Ryan shared. "Then I got a call that Julia was also a fan of the book and would I work with her on it. I said yes. All my work, even 'Glee' and 'Nip/Tuck,' is a reflection of what I was feeling at that particular period I was doing each of those projects. Each project reflects what I am trying to work through."

"When I did 'Glee,' I was so sick of all the darkness of 'Nip/Tuck.' It was really killing me because if you write a show, you have to feel it. I was like, I want to be happy. I want to sing. I want to wear bright colors or something (laughs). So that's what where 'Glee' came from. I was tired of the nihilism in 'Nip/Tuck.'"

"This movie came out because I'm somewhat of a rigid person," he admitted. "I do the same thing every day. I got really tired of that. What the movie, even the tag line clearly says is, let yourself go and that everybody has the right to be happy. I'm much happier now that I did the movie. I really learned a

lot of lessons and it changed my life."

"Liz was really amazing to me," said the Indiana native, who started as a journalist, of the author. "When I got the job to do it with Julia, I was very intimidated because at that point, the book had just started to be a phenomenon. When I started the adaptation of the book, it was number one in every country. I decided I didn't want to talk to Liz yet. I wanted to do my version of the book and so I did. I sent the draft to Liz."

### Baby project

"She called and she really liked it. I said, 'I feel very uncomfortable, talking to you, asking for your critique.' She said, 'Look, here's the thing about 'Eat Pray Love.' Did you ever have babies in your life like that project is your baby?' I said, 'Like 'Nip/Tuck' was my baby.' She said, 'Well, 'Eat Pray Love' was never my baby. I feel like it came into me and channeled me. It got sent out into the world and it's like a giving tree. It changed all these people's lives so you do whatever you want and I will never be offended. Make it your own—change it.'"

"Liz had that kind of loving relationship with the book," Ryan continued. "I sent her every draft and she gave me notes. I would do them. I'd call her up at 3 a.m. I'm like, 'I'm shooting this scene tomorrow. What did the real life Felipe do?' She was very involved, like Julia."

Of his muses, Julia and Liz, he gushed, "The thing I like about Julia is that when she smiles, it's like the clouds part and suddenly you're in the midst of sunshine. Liz is like that, too. They're almost the same in height. Liz visited us in Rome. I was surrounded by these tall goddesses. They both have the great optimism and the same body type, smile and energy."

Ryan recalled, "We showed the film to Liz and her husband, Jose, who is named Felipe in the movie, and is played by Javier. She called me in tears and said she was appreciative. She felt that I took such great care with her life. She loved the movie and Julia." Laughing, he said, "She said how thrilled she and her husband were to be played by Julia and Javier."





# Maharlika – Opinyon

## Aquino's Hydra monster

**T**he veil is off the monstrous beast created by the victory-flushed Aquino administration early in its first 100 days to “modernize” the transparent flow of information between the government and the people: the so-called Communications Group.

The Group replaced the Office of the Press Secretary that was expanded by President Corazon Aquino on Dec. 17, 1986 from the shambles of the propaganda machine of Ferdinand Marcos following the People Power Revolution.

In her Executive Order No. 29, revamping the office, Cory Aquino directed that there was a need to inform the public about the actions of government and the national leadership in the task of “rebuilding a strong nation.” She said that while the national leadership was committed to the ideals of press freedom, it has seen fit “not to abdicate its share of voice in the formulation of public opinion.” The directive said the national leadership deemed it a duty to provide “true and correct information to the public,” thereby spelling out the activist role of the government media in shaping public opinion.

Decades later, her son, now President Benigno Aquino III, improved on this version of government’s activist role. Shortly after Mr. Aquino delivered his first State of the Nation Address, the new administration unwrapped its propaganda apparatus, the biggest so far established by any Philippine government after the fall of the Marcos dictatorship.

In a press briefing revealing the details of the new Communi-

cations Group, one of its several spokespersons, former broadcast journalist Ricky Carandang, described the outfit as “an organization with three legs,” headed by three persons all of whom hold the rank of secretary, sitting on top of two divisions acting as votaries of the vast propaganda machine. It is hard to visualize this bureaucratic monster speaking on behalf of and fronting for an articulate President whose thoughts need no further elaboration.

Carandang was at pains to justify or explain why there should be three officials acting as press secretaries, where in the past no more than one sufficed, except during the final days of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to articulate the thoughts and explain the decisions of the President. How a creature with two bodies, three legs and more than three heads would work with a coherent voice articulating the President’s thoughts and mind is a big puzzle.

In the press briefing, Carandang explained that the group has two functions: one handling the crafting of the messages of the President, and the other, taking charge of operations. Carandang said he would call the shots in the messaging arm, while Sonny Coloma, a former business columnist, would be in charge of the government information vehicles, such as the Public Information Agency, the Bureau of Broadcast, Bureau of Printing, the National Broadcasting Network, the government’s radio-television network, and two other radio-TV networks, RPN-9 and IBC 13.

Coloma’s agency would serve as a “feedback mechanism,” using social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter, through which the President would receive “unfiltered” feedback from different sectors of the population. In other words, Coloma would be a two-way gatekeeper of information, one directed at brainwashing the people, and the other to filter information coming from the people, vetted by Coloma, who determines which should reach the President’s eyes or ears, or which he should not know. Carandang didn’t say where Edwin Lacierda, the official press secretary and spokesperson up to now, would fit into this scheme.



### Analysis

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According to Carandang, he and Lacierda would be on top of the “messaging” division, and former Inquirer columnist Manuel L. Quezon III will serve as undersecretary. At least three voices would be speaking for the President, with each spokesperson having his own style and perspective. One good question is: if a spokesperson commits a gaffe, who takes the rap? And who will act as the lightning rod to defuse controversy over contentious presidential decisions? It is tempting to propose that to give the public an idea of the profile of this creature with three heads, two bodies and three legs, we ask a creative artist to make a montage of the photos of Lacierda, Carandang, Coloma and Quezon as the façade of the Communications Group—framed by a big mouth.

It is not clear who is on top in the message division: Lacierda or Carandang. The only creature that I know that has nine heads coiling out of a single serpent’s body is the Hydra of mythology.

Already Lacierda has corrected Carandang, with his own version of the Hydra monster. His version is of a monster that does not have three heads and three legs, as described by Carandang, but one with 19 heads.

In a briefing for reporters on Wednesday, Lacierda said the President thought he needed at least 19 more spokespersons to help the administration

get its messages across. Lacierda said the President had instructed all Cabinet secretaries to come up with a spokesperson for each department. The communications monster that the administration has created has quickly morphed into a creature like that slain by Hercules. Hercules found that each time he cut off one of the Hydra’s heads, two others sprang to replace it.

The Hydra’s heads were terrifying. It belched venomous fumes that killed those who inhaled them. If Lacierda’s version of 19 more spokespersons is what the President wants, then we would have a monster with more than 19 heads spewing toxic propaganda for the administration.

It would take a Hercules to slay it.

## EDITORIAL

### Extra rice

**F**or most Filipinos, rice, quite literally, is a gut issue. The disclosure made by President Aquino in his first State of the Nation Address that the National Food Authority imported inexplicably excessive amounts of rice; the follow-on news conference by new NFA Administrator Lito Banayo, where he announced that NFA warehouses were overstocked and said, vividly, that we were “swimming in rice”; and the initial reports by TV news organizations, which showed that some NFA warehouses indeed had year-old or already insect-infested rice stocks—many Filipinos have been left reeling from the shock of successive blows.

It is clear what the Aquino administration must do in the short term: audit the NFA inventories, stop more imports, distribute the rice in its warehouses with dispatch.

The third short-term task is trickier. There is an obvious need to distribute the rice already in the NFA’s warehouses; the worst thing that can happen is for the expensive imported rice to go to waste. Several senators and some militant organizations have called for the rice stocks to be distributed to the country’s poorest, free of charge. There is merit in this proposal, but the mechanics are necessarily tedious. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, which we understand is doing its own survey of the most at-risk Filipino families, can play a role in pinpointing prospective beneficiaries. It is also possible that the NFA, under its new management, can expedite the distribution of the rice to the various NFA outlets, to be sold at a subsidized price. The Department of Trade and Industry may be of some help here.

The medium-term task is simpler, more straightforward: The administration must hold to account all those who had a hand in the immorally excessive importations, including the anomalous surge in imports in 2004 and 2007, as well as those who allowed the duty-free importation of hundreds of thousands of metric tons of rice.

Former Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor said the government may have lost as much as P2 billion in potential tariffs after rice traders were given the license to import 200,000 metric tons, duty-free.

It is the long-term challenge, however, that is most difficult. The abuses and irregularities President Aquino discovered were made possible in part because of the NFA’s mixed mandate. The Aquino administration must decide whether the current design of the NFA serves the public interest, or whether it should be reinvented or abolished altogether.

On an ABS-CBN News Channel program, former Agriculture Undersecretary Ernesto Ordoñez described the NFA’s structural dilemma in another way: “It can’t be promoter and regulator at the same time.” What did he mean by that? “It should be the regulator and leave market forces to play, with the caveat that whenever it intervenes, it should be done [at] the right date and with the right systems.”

A lot of back-breaking work lies ahead.

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## Revolution revisited

**M**y class on the Philippine Revolution has been an unusually lively mix of undergraduates and graduates. We have just finished discussing the three works in English that are the starting points for any study of the period. Most famous, of course, is Teodoro A. Agoncillo’s “Revolt of the Masses: The Story of Andres Bonifacio and the Katipunan” that is still available since it was first published in 1956. Then there are two other works that should be consulted, but one has to go to a library to find them. For want of more catchy titles both are plainly known under the same name: “The Philippine Revolution.” One is by Teodoro M. Kalaw (first published 1925), the other by Gregorio Zaide (1968). Kalaw and Zaide are overlooked because they are out of print. Agoncillo may be currently available but remains unchanged, with no revision, since 1956.

During the so-called “Centennial years” (1996-1999) there were many commemorations, the more important ones being the centennials of: the outbreak of the Philippine Revolution (August 1896), the execution of Rizal (Dec. 30, 1896), the declaration of Philippine Independence (June 12, 1898) and the outbreak of the Philippine-American War (Feb. 4, 1899). The University of the Philippines Press published 100 books to mark this milestone event but most of these were literary rather than historical. Thus, some people started to wonder why Agoncillo’s 1956 work remained the so-called “standard work” for close to half a century. This was a time for a new book, a new look.

Then came Onofre D. Corpuz, former secretary of education and University of the Philippines president, who published “Saga and Triumph: The Filipino Revolution Against Spain” (1999), a work that unfortunately fell victim to inadequate marketing and distribution. It became readily available only in 2002 when the Centennial fever was but a faded memory.

It is significant that while Corpuz’s academic discipline is political science, he had a long association with the National Historical Institute as a board member. He honored this appointment by publishing a two-volume general history of the Philippines, “Roots of the Filipino Nation” (1989).

It came as a surprise to many that his last university appointment was not with the department of political science or with the department of history, but with the School of Economics, that he honored with yet another book, this time an “Economic History of the Philippines.” One would think that after his book on the Filipino Revolution against Spain, Corpuz has probably completed or has the notes for a companion volume on the Philippine-American War.

More than a century after the events that made the nation, many

primary and secondary source materials have come to light that have not been fully utilized to update our view of the Revolution. Using these, Corpuz provides a more holistic view. In his chapter on the death of Bonifacio he wrote:

“Generations after the event, and even into the 1980s-1990s during the decade of official centennial celebrations of many important events during the Revolution, some Filipinos persisted in the view that Bonifacio’s death was the fruit of a personal Aguinaldo-Bonifacio conflict. This indicates that: the histories had not adequately clarified the true circumstances of Bonifacio’s death; or that the event itself is beyond clarification; or that, perhaps, many Filipinos have an unshakeable propensity to simplify complicated questions in terms of personality conflicts.

“It only remains to at least refer to two assessments, both written long after 1897. Both view Bonifacio’s execution within the context of the Revolution. The first is that of Teodoro Agoncillo in his ‘Revolt,’ flawed by errors of colonial social history and questionable sociological analysis; but it has the well-argued proposition that Bonifacio was ‘betrayed.’ The second is that of Jose Alejandrino in his ‘La Senda del Sacrificio, episodios y anécdotas de nuestras luchas por la libertad’ (1933). Alejandrino acknowledges Bonifacio’s patriotism and contribution as initiator of the Revolution; he stresses the legality of Aguinaldo’s assumption of leadership; he affirms that Bonifacio’s death was not in vain because it was necessary to national unity; and he credits Aguinaldo with the forging of national unity among the diverse elements in the Revolution.

“Alejandrino was close to the events he writes of. Agoncillo was not. “Summing up, Bonifacio was an authentic hero long before his tragic death. The launching of the Revolution was due to him, and to no other man. But Bonifacio was not the Revolution. The Revolution continued without him.”

We are glad that the great critic of our error-ridden textbooks, Antonio Go, has finally agreed to sit down with the Department of Education and see how we can improve things. Correcting errors of fact or spelling is a step in the right direction, but we must move on to the more controversial area of interpretation. We have more than enough academics to provide content for our history books, but deciding what gets into our textbooks is easier said than done. Deciding why in history is more complex than we think. One can de-construct in the tertiary level, but what history do we construct for students in the primary, intermediate and secondary levels?

Comments are welcome in my Facebook Fan Page.



### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



# Maharlika – Samu't Sari



## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Aron Dale Blanca, who celebrated his first birthday on July 18, 2010, at the Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe. Greetings come from family and friends.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy 4th birthday to Francisco Kekoa, whose birthday is today, July 31, 2010. We love you very much. Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, Bing, Derrie, Tilde, and Junjun.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to Melia Ha'lani who turns 3 today, July 31, 2010. We love you very much and wish you more birthdays to come. Love, Mommy, Evan and the Benjamin family.



## SANPO-EN VISITORS

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores poses with members of the Sanpo-en delegation from Japan during the welcoming breakfast Thursday behind the Pacific Gardenia Hotel. In the photo are high priest Kayaki Kansho, Susumu Kayaky, and Hidetsugu Abe.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Some of the students of the Sanpo-en delegation from Japan pose for a photo Thursday during the welcoming breakfast for them sponsored by the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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## KOBLERVILLE CLEANUP

Representatives of Coastal Resources Management, Department of Public Works, and Saipan Mayor's Office facilitate the boom truck that hauled the junk cars at Gollaiappan Court in Koblerville Tuesday afternoon.

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## NUCLEAR CNMI

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law Wednesday amendments to the Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983 to allow for the deployment of new and safer nuclear power technology on the island to alleviate the CNMI's reliance on fossil fuel and diesel. Standing are Rep. Stanley Torres and other supporters of the legislation.

MONETH G. DEPOSA



## CDA BOARD

Members of the Commonwealth Development Authority Board of Directors pose for a group photo shortly before their meeting at the CDA conference room. From right, standing, Jessie Manglona, Edwin Hofschneider, and Edward Sablan; seated from left, Manny Sablan, Pedro Itibus, and Marcie Tomokane.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



## YoungStyle

CAPITAL  
CULTURE:

## Malia's latest adventure is camp

By JOCELYN NOVECK  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

**N**EW YORK (AP)—She's had a front row seat to history for a year and a half, meeting heads of state, touring the Kremlin, flying around the world on Air Force One, being serenaded by Paul McCartney and enjoying command performances from the Jonas Brothers.

But there's one thing Malia Obama hasn't done, until now, her dad says, and it's a rite of passage countless kids have experienced: a summer at camp, bunking with a bunch of other girls in a wooden cabin or tent, sharing chores, swatting away mosquitoes and giggling the night away.

It's a wonderful time—lumpy cots and all—say advocates of the camp experience, who are thrilled with the presidential decision to let Malia partake in a classic American tradition.

"We're proud, and very pleased for Malia," says Peg Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association. "Education and learning has been something that the president has talked a great deal about, and we see camp as a great learning environment. We're sure she'll have a great experience."

As many parents can tell you, camp is a rite of passage for the parents as much as the camper. "I may shed a tear," the president said in a recent interview on NBC News.

If he hasn't already, he may

shed that tear during the first couple weeks, when—unless there's an exception for the leader of the free world—parents often cannot speak to their child. In most camps, there are strict rules governing communication with home, designed to help the child adjust.

Parents can write letters, of course, or perhaps send e-mails or faxes to be printed out. As for the campers, they usually can only write letters. And cell phones are almost always forbidden.

"The policies vary, but they all say, give your kids a chance to adjust," says Smith.

But often it's harder for the parents to adjust. So if the Obamas do succumb to what Smith calls "parent-kid sickness"—the parental form of homesickness—they should know that many camps have employees on call to reassure them.

"Camps are used to fielding calls from parents," says Smith. "There's been a huge increase in



First daughter Malia Obama smiles as she takes her seat for a White House Music Series event saluting Broadway in the East Room of the White House, Monday, July 19, 2010, in Washington.

those calls over the last decade. Parents today are so involved in their kids' lives. Their expectations have grown, especially in the digital age."

And what if the camper's homesick? That's extremely common, though only 7 percent of cases are serious enough to require intervention like calling the parents, according to the camp association.

"Counselors and staff are trained to deal with it," says Smith. "They play icebreaker games, and keep the kids busy

and involved. The kids come home feeling more resilient, more independent, more self-confident."

That could be especially important for a celebrity camper who necessarily leads a protected life, as hard as her parents try to keep it normal.

"Camps are communities where everyone matters equally," says Catherine Steiner-Adair, a psychologist who regularly works with summer camps, where she has encountered a number of children of celebrities. "It may be a challenge at first for everybody to be calm. But once

people get over the initial buzz, it's all about camp."

If famous people often send their kids to camp, many have also attended themselves. A list maintained by the ACA of celebrities who've attended camp in their lifetimes (sleepaway or daytime) includes Hollywood stars like Julia Roberts, Reese Witherspoon, Chevy Chase, Keira Knightley and Natalie Portman; Olympic skater Dorothy Hamill; author J.D. Salinger and musicians like Bob Dylan, Neil Diamond and Gwen Stefani.

There's also Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

and her retired colleague, Sandra Day O'Connor; former presidents George W. Bush and Gerald Ford; Nancy Reagan, and Prince Albert of Monaco. Even Albert Einstein was once on staff, according to the list—and so was Michelle Obama (she was a camp counselor.)

The only presidential child on the list is Chelsea Clinton, who attended U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., when her dad was in office.

Having a presidential child on hand would seem to provide some interesting logistical challenges, but camp officials say they've seen a lot of it before.

"Camps are quite used to managing whatever unique circumstances a camper might bring," says Smith. "The sign of a good camp is that you don't see those things."

More important, say many who've been through it, is that camp is a unique place where, for a month or two, a young person can reinvent him or herself.

"I know some children of extremely public people, and for them, going to camp is an opportunity to be who THEY are, and not their parents' child," says Steiner-Adair. "There are very straightforward values: Help the other fellow, everyone matters, be a good sport, play for fun. Who you are, what you own, and where you come from is less important."

"I think Malia's parents have chosen very wisely."

## Comic-Con closes after 4 days of pop culture fun

By SANDY COHEN  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—Light cycles, wizards, vampires and superheroes made for another colorful Comic-Con.

San Diego's annual pop-culture convention wrapped up Sunday after four days of comic books, costumes, celebrity appearances and TV and movie previews.

A new take on "Tron," the latest "Harry Potter" film, HBO's "True Blood" and Marvel's "The Avengers" were among the highlights of the 41st annual festival.

More than 120,000 fans attended the sold-out event at the San Diego Convention Center. They came for the toys and collectibles, the people-watching and a chance to see early footage from anticipated films.

"I was just focusing on 'Tron,'" said Michael Faustino, 28, who has been coming to Comic-Con since 2004. He also picked up some Tron and G.I. Joe toys.

The filmmakers and cast of



Dressed as Gandalf the Grey, Wilford Harris, stands at the entrance to the exhibit hall at Comic-Con International Saturday, July 24, 2010 in San Diego.

"Tron: Legacy" showed footage from the film Thursday to some 6,000 fans. Stars Jeff Bridges, Olivia Wilde, Michael Sheen, Bruce Boxleitner, Garrett Hedlund, director Joe Kosinski and creator Steven Lisberger answered fan questions and presented a never-before-seen clip in 3-D. "Tron: Legacy" hits theaters in December.

The penultimate installment in

the "Harry Potter" movie series also drew big crowds. Star Tom Felton offered fans a first look at part one of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," due in theaters in November.

Anna Paquin, Steven Moyer and other members of the "True Blood" cast presented clips of their popular show to a crowd

of vampire lovers, while the superhero set was treated to a surprise announcement of "The Avengers" cast.

Samuel L. Jackson made an unexpected appearance at the event Saturday to present the cast of the Marvel superhero movie, which includes Scarlett Johansson and Robert Downey Jr., along with newly announced Mark Ruffalo as the Hulk and Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye.

Other highlights included a surprise screening of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" followed by a concert by rock band Metric and appearances by Harrison Ford and Angelina Jolie.

But not everyone was interested in movie news. For JaVonna Boykin, Comic-Con is all about the costumes. The 19-year-old wore different outfits each day of the convention. On Sunday, she was dressed as her version of Poison Ivy, with a neon green wig and a skirt made of felt leaves.

"This costume took a month to make," she said.

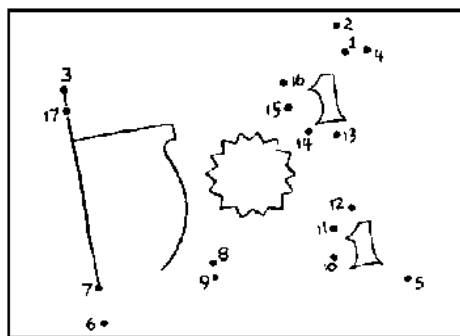


Dressed as Final Fantasy video game characters, Christina Evola, right, and John Nowakowski, left, ride the escalator at Comic-Con International Saturday, July 24, 2010 in San Diego.

Teague Hamilton of San Diego has been coming to Comic-Con for 13 years to collect

artwork, but "the best thing here is always just the people watching."





**CONNECT THE DOTS** and find out the surest way to double your money!

Answer: Fold it.

**FIND THE HIDDEN ISLAND** in the announcer's introduction!

Answer: The island is Tasmânia.



**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 5 through 14 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 51. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error — and a good eraser!

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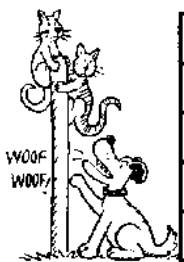
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Our answer: First row: 12, 15, 19, 5. Second row: 18, 6, 11, 15. Third row: 7, 21, 19, 10. Fourth row: 14, 9, 9, 20.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T LET THIS PUZZLE SCARE YOU!



**POLE  
PALE  
PATE  
PATs  
CATs**

Try to "bark" out the answers to these Ladder Puzzles in less than five minutes. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, change one letter in the previous word to form a new word. We changed POLE to CATS in four moves. Can you change the following words in four moves each?

1. BURN to COOK
2. GOLD to BARS
3. HARD to LUCK
4. LEAD to MINE
5. WIND to SAIL

Answers:  
1. BURN, BORN, BOON, BOOK, COOK.  
2. GOLD, BOLO, BALD, BARD, BARS.  
3. HARD, HARK, LARK, LUCK, LUCK.  
4. LEAD, LEND, MEND, MINE, MINE.  
5. WIND, WAND, SAND, SAID, SAIL.

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was American actress and comedian Lily Tomlin who made the following sage observation: "Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain."

■ According to Henry Heimlich, the inventor of the abdominal thrust technique known as the Heimlich Maneuver, the food upon which people most commonly choke is peanut butter straight out of the jar.

■ Astronauts on the International Space Station see the sun rise every 90 minutes.

■ You've probably heard that Eskimos have 50 words for different types of snow, but you might not realize that their language doesn't have a word for just plain snow.

■ You might recall Glenn Ford, an actor from Hollywood's Golden Era, from such films as "3:10 to Yuma," "Blackboard Jungle" and "The Big Heat." You probably didn't know, though, that when he was born in Quebec he was named Gwyllyn Samuel Newton Ford. The inspiration for his stage name was the town of Glenford, Canada.

■ Those who study such things say that every day in the world, 62 square miles of land becomes desert.

■ When groups of shrimp end up with too few males to sustain the population, some of the females turn into males.

■ Michael Crichton is best known as an author and screenwriter, and most of his fans are aware of the fact that he was a medical doctor, as well. It's interesting to note, however, that as an undergraduate student he majored in anthropology.

■ If you're like 80 percent of Americans, you will experience some kind of back trouble at least once in your lifetime.

■ Businesswoman Mary Kay Ash, before she founded the Mary Kay Cosmetics empire, sold encyclopedias door-to-door.

Thought for the Day: "To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer."—Paul Ehrlich

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## MAGIC MAZE • TYPED WITH THE LEFT HAND ONLY

J C A S C A D E E T R P M J E  
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F D A R X E V T Q A R O T M T  
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W U R R P G E C N D Z A V L W  
R J G H F A G G R A V A T E A  
D E B Z X V A A G E T R D A R  
D Q T O M K B I W T T G H F D  
D B Z F Y W B V T S E A R Q O  
N L K I A H A F A E D C W A Z  
X W V U S R C E R T Q O N M K

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Aggravate	Degree	Steadfast	Watercress
Cabbage	Gazette	Steward	Wedge
Cascade	Rafter	Swagger	Zebra
Database	Reverse	Test	

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

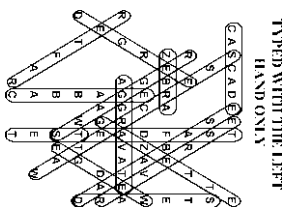
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### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



### GO FIGURE ANSWER

5	25	8
2	3	6
4	1	7
9	8	5
6	7	4
3	2	1

## Dog's marking doesn't do deck any favors

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have two 2-year-old neutered canine brothers (I found out after the fact that it is not a good idea to get them from the same litter). They have lots of forested room to roam, but "Jake"—the dominant one—occasionally insists on peeing on the deck. I can't catch him at it. Why does he do that, and how can I get him to stop?—Carolyn V., via e-mail

**DEAR CAROLYN:** That can be tough to stop, since the deck is often considered part of the family living area for everyone, including the dogs. You'll need to regain control of the deck area and remind Jake who's boss.

Whenever the dogs are off-leash, roaming through the yard and woods, block access to the deck and don't allow them on until you have called them up the steps and clipped a leash on Jake and his brother. You may want to have a second person leash the less-dominant dog.

Jake may, at this time, attempt to tug himself over to his usual marking spot, and drag you with him. Give him a firm "no" and order him to sit and stay.

At this time you can take his brother inside the house while you work with Jake. For the next several days or weeks, the deck is going to become Training Central. Work with Jake and



his brother, separately. Whenever Jake begins to sniff around or tries to mark something, firmly tell him "no" and continue giving him basic obedience commands. When he follows your commands, and especially when he stops sniffing and obeys rather than tries to mark, give him lots of praise and treats (if you choose).

To further discourage marking, clean the areas he has marked and treat with an odor neutralizer.

Send your pet questions and tips to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com), or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at [www.pawscorner.com](http://www.pawscorner.com).

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## Teachable moments are everywhere

"S top, everyone—a teachable moment," called out the dad as he and his three school-age kids screeched to a halt on their bikes to check out an unusual scene in our neighborhood. Parked in the middle of a front yard was an enormous drilling rig spattering and spewing mud and water to reach heat 180 feet below the ground for the creation of a new geothermal heating and cooling system for the house. It was a "science 101" lesson in action, as the workers explained to the curious family how they were tapping into the free energy beneath the earth's surface.

Teachable moments abound when you keep a watch for interesting people, places and things in your own community. Here are some ideas to keep kids' and adults' minds sharp this summer:

■ In the morning, take your kids on a mystery outing. Walk or ride by bike, car or public transportation. Give them clues along the way and let them guess as you go. Exciting and unique destinations might be a construction site, fishing wharf or a local historical fort where people are dressed in period clothing, or to view the city from an observation deck of a tall building.

■ Visit a farmers market to show your child how to choose, weigh and pay for locally grown fresh produce such as tomatoes, zucchini, onions and lettuce. On the way home, talk about where the same vegetables are



harvested other times of the year, when it is winter where you live. For dinner, prepare some of the locally grown food, such as corn on the cob. Let kids brush melted butter on the corn with a small, natural-bristle brush when it's ready to eat.

■ As the summer progresses, remember special times and keep the do-together fun alive with an ABC memory game. Start with someone in the family who recalls something she did or saw that starts with an "A." Continue through the alphabet as memories trigger stories of outings, sleepover camp and ballgames.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Anne Rice has had a religious conversion: She's no longer a Christian.

"In the name of Christ, I refuse to be anti-gay. I refuse to be anti-feminist. I refuse to be anti-artificial birth control," the author wrote Wednesday on her Facebook page. "In the name of ... Christ, I quit Christianity and being Christian. Amen."

Rice, 68, is best known for "Interview With a Vampire" and other gothic novels. Raised as a Catholic, she had rejected the church early in her life but renewed her faith in recent years and in 2008 released the memoir "Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession."

In a telephone interview Thursday, Rice said she had been having doubts for the past two to three years. She was troubled by the child abuse scandals in the church, and the church's defensive reaction, and by the

## Novelist Anne Rice says she's leaving Christianity

ex-communication of Sister Margaret McBride, a nun and hospital administrator who had approved an abortion for a woman whose life was in danger.

"I believed for a long time that the differences, the quarrels among Christians didn't matter a lot for the individual, that you live your life and stay out of it. But then I began to realize that it wasn't an easy thing to do," said Rice, speaking from her home near Palm Springs, Calif. "I came to the

conclusion that if I didn't make this declaration, I was going to lose my mind."

Rice said she is a Democrat who supports the health care legislation signed into law by President Barack Obama and believes gay marriage inevitably will be permitted throughout the country. Although no longer part of any denomination, she remains a believer and continues to read theology and post Biblical passages on her Facebook page. She has no immediate



Rice

plans to write about her leaving the church and will continue with her metaphysical fiction series, "Songs of the Seraphim."

Rice will not be taking up vampires again, but she said she is a big fan of the HBO series "True Blood," enjoyed the first two "Twilight" movies (she has yet to read any of the Stephenie Meyer novels) and is interested in seeing her most famous character, the vampire Lestat de Lioncourt, return to the screen.

"We're in talks about it," she said. "But then we've always been in talks about it. Hope springs eternal in California."

## 79 world premieres for Venice

**ROME (AP)**—Sofia Coppola's comic drama "Somewhere," and Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan" will make their world premieres at the Venice Film Festival, among 22 titles that organizers announced Thursday will vie for the prestigious Golden Lion.

Festival director Marco Mueller emphasized the young age of the directors competing at the festival's 67th edition—averaging 47, the youngest ever.

Despite their age, many of the young directors come to Venice experienced. Oscar-winner Coppola, 39, will showcase her movie starring Stephen Dorff as a bad-boy actor struggling through life. Aronofsky, 41, returns to

Venice with a psychological thriller two years after winning the top prize for his drama "The Wrestler."

"Black Swan" stars Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis and Winona Ryder.

Bringing up the average is 78-year-old U.S. director Monte Hellman, who will be premiering his indie feature "Road to Nowhere," about a young writer who gets caught up in a crime.

"The average age drops to 45.52 without him," Mueller quipped.

Only one director is making his debut, Ascanio Celestini with "La Pecora Nera" (Black Sheep), a play that has been redone for film. That compares with five directorial debuts last year.

## A \$3M Clinton wedding? Not out of the question

**RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP)**—Imagine spending \$250,000 on flowers. Or \$20,000 on a cake. How does \$15,000 to \$20,000 for toilets sound?

Sounds like the first Wedding of the Century.

Wedding industry experts say that when Chelsea Clinton gets married Saturday at a private estate in upstate New York, the tab could hit \$2 million, \$3 million or more—a canape or two above the average \$24,000 that most American newlyweds will shell out this year.

Most weddings host about 150 guests; the Clinton-Mezvinsky nuptials are expected to have 400 to 500.

Details have been notoriously scarce, but Sally Kilbridge, deputy editor of Brides, said industry insiders have gathered enough intelligence to sketch out roughly what sort of shindig the daughter of President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will put on when she marries her longtime boyfriend, investment banker Marc Mezvinsky.

Some estimates put the cost at close to \$5 million, but Kilbridge said Chelsea Clinton won't let it get too extreme.

"I'm going to say 2 to 3 million," Kilbridge said. "Just because I don't know if they will go that over the top when it comes to every little item of the wedding, and possibly because it's not really Chelsea Clinton's style."

Kilbridge estimated costs for some of the higher-profile items:

- Gown by Vera Wang, whose New York store Chelsea was photographed visiting: \$20,000—not off the rack, obviously.

- Cake, possibly by Sylvia Weinstock: \$20,000. Expect intricate, fabulous designs.



People walk along East Market Street in Rhinebeck, N.Y., Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Chelsea Clinton plans to marry fiance Marc Mezvinsky in the upstate New York village of Rhinebeck on Saturday.

- Flowers: \$250,000. "It's going to be glamorous with a capital G," she said. (And this isn't even that much, she said: Donald Trump laid out \$500,000 for flowers when he married Melania.)

- Catering: \$750,000. Add another \$30,000 for beverages.

- Tents: \$600,000. These, she joked, guarantee it will not rain.

- Portable toilets: \$15,000-\$20,000. These will not be construction-site facilities. Think air conditioning, attendants, flowers.

- Entertainment: \$40,000. "It's obviously a large wedding," said Darcy Miller, editorial director of Martha Stewart Weddings. "But knowing what we do about Chelsea,

she seems to be understated, someone who has tried to stay out of the crowds, someone who has tried to have her own life."

Miller also brought up the logistics and realities to confront.

It's a destination wedding where everything from guests to flowers to the wine will be shipped in from afar. So, they've got to keep the flowers cool, the guests and staff fed, quartered and cool. The stylist needs a room for the night. So does the makeup artist and photographer. Bring enough to tip the wait staff needed to keep 500 A-listers well-served. Vails? Flooring? Lights? Cha-ching.

For those worried about

how the Clintons will finance the celebration, fear not: Chelsea's parents are, conservatively, worth tens of millions of dollars. The former president raked in \$40 million in six years just from speaking engagements—upwards of \$10 million alone in 2006. Of course, this assumes they'll pay for the party. Like every other detail, mum's been the word.

And then there's security. Some of it will be paid for by the couple. But when there's a diplomat for a mother and a former president a father, the government picks up some of the tab, too. And agencies like the Federal Aviation Administration help out by declaring a no-fly zone in the air space

## Mark Wahlberg gets star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Rapper-turned-underwear model-turned-Oscar-nominated actor Mark Wahlberg has been enshrined in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The 39-year-old actor was presented with a star Thursday on Hollywood Boulevard's famed sidewalk monument.

Will Ferrell, who stars with Wahlberg in the action-comedy "The Other Guys" being released next week, was on hand for the ceremony. The comedian got in a couple of digs.

"I'm glad to be here," Ferrell said. "I first became a fan of Mark's when I bought his workout video. And I love all your 'Bourne' movies."

The "Bourne" films star Matt Damon, not Wahlberg.

Wahlberg first gained fame in the early 1990s, recording with the hip-hop group Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch.

That was followed by a ubiquitous ad campaign featuring him in Calvin Klein underwear.

He then turned to acting and got attention with his breakout role as Dirk Diggler in 1997's "Boogie Nights." Wahlberg got a supporting actor Academy Award nomination in 2006 for "The Departed."

His wife and four young children were on hand for the sidewalk ceremony.

"I'm so happy my kids are sitting through this," Wahlberg said. "When I heard I was getting this star, I felt like it was a practical joke."

His other movie credits include "Four Brothers," "Three Kings," "The Perfect Storm," "The Italian Job," "Invisible," "The Basketball Diaries," "Fear," "Shooter," "Max Payne," "The Lovely Bones," "Planet of the Apes," "The Happening," "We Own the Night" and "Date Night."

Wahlberg has also added a behind-the-scenes role to his resume: He's an executive producer of the HBO series "Entourage," "In Treatment," "How to Make It In America" and "Boardwalk Empire."



Wahlberg

over the site along the banks of the Hudson River.

Aerial photographs by The Associated Press show that large party tents have been erected at the palatial Astor Courts, a historic estate most widely reported to be the location. Locals told the AP that a caravan of black limousines snaked down a road to the south that's sprinkled with similar properties. And a state police official said some roads would be closed and parking restricted Saturday around the center of the village.

Then there's the air space closure from 3 p.m. Saturday to 3:30 a.m. Sunday in a generic FAA nod to "VIP (Very Important Person) Movement."

The status is granted only to the highest of government officials—which would include Chelsea Clinton's parents.

"It's good policy. You do have a former president showing up at a big event; it's only prudent that the FAA does this," said Michael Boyd, airline consultant and president of the Boyd Group International in Evergreen, Colo.



## Source: J-Lo close to deal for 'American Idol'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Ellen DeGeneres is dancing off “American Idol” after one season and Jennifer Lopez is poised to step in.

A person familiar with negotiations for Lopez said she's close to signing a deal to join Fox TV's hit singing contest as a judge. The person, who was not authorized to comment publicly, spoke Thursday night on condition of anonymity.

DeGeneres announced earlier Thursday she is leaving

### Ellen DeGeneres out as 'Idol' judge

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Ellen DeGeneres is leaving “American Idol” after one season as a judge for the hit Fox TV singing contest.

A person close to the show says DeGeneres won't return for the 10th season, which gives “American Idol” two vacancies on its judging panel. Fox has yet to announce a replacement for Simon Cowell, who left at the end of last sea-

son to start a new talent show for the network.

The person, who lacked authority to comment publicly on DeGeneres, spoke on condition of anonymity.

With “American Idol” facing ratings erosion, the comedian-talk show host's exit gives Fox the chance to make a fresh start with a revamped judging panel. The show returns in January.

the show after one season, following fellow judge Simon Cowell out the door. Fox has yet to announce a replacement for Cowell.

Actor-singer-dancer Lopez, whose films include “Selena” and “The Back-Up Plan,” has appeared as a mentor on “American Idol.”

Fox declined comment. Phone and e-mail messages for Lopez's representatives were not immediately returned.

## Timberlake's William Rast to launch at Target

**NEW YORK (AP)**—William Rast, the fashion line by Justin Timberlake and his childhood friend Trace Ayala, has a new partner: Target.

The retailer announced Thursday that a William Rast collection, including denim, outerwear and sportswear for men and women, would launch in December and be available for a month.

Target has had a steady stream of limited-edition partnerships with top-level designers, including Zac Posen, Jean Paul Gaultier, Rodarte and Proenza Schouler, giving the retailer a certain prestige among the fashion crowd and bringing designer labels down to a more affordable price point.

The typical William Rast look is casual, with an emphasis on jeans and leather jackets. The fall runway collection, presented earlier this year at New York Fashion Week, was dubbed “New America” and inspired by road trips between the Mississippi River and the West Coast, Timberlake said.



This Feb. 17, 2010 file photo shows Justin Timberlake, left, and Trace Ayala as they acknowledge the audience after the William Rast fall 2010 collection show during Fashion Week in New York.

## Gabourey Sidibe keeps the magic going in TV series

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**—Gabourey Sidibe is pinching herself over her unexpected life, which includes an Oscar nomination and a new TV series.

At a meeting Thursday of the Television Critics Association in Beverly Hills, Sidibe described herself as a “middle-of-the-lane, very normal” person who'd planned to be a receptionist.

The 27-year-old Sidibe said it's been a “strange year” that's included her Academy Award nod for her role as a teenager who rises above abuse in “Precious: Based on the Novel ‘Push’ by Sapphire” and her co-starring role in Showtime's “The Big C.”

The comedy-drama stars Laura Linney as a schoolteacher confronting a terminal-cancer diagnosis. Sidibe plays a smart-alec student.

“The Big C” debuts 10:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 16, on Showtime.

## Happy empty nester objects to baby-sitting all weekend

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** Our daughter gave birth to an adorable little boy three years ago. We love “Connor” dearly, but my husband is obsessed with him. He wants our grandson at our house every weekend from the time we are done working on Friday until Sunday evening or Monday morning.

My husband wants to take Connor everywhere we go. Abby, I love my grandson, but after raising our own children, I'd now like to focus on our lives and maybe have time for myself. If I say anything, my husband becomes furious and tells me I don't love our grandson. Of course I do, but I don't want every spare moment of my life wrapped up in him. Your advice, please?

*Dear Abby*

CONNOR'S G-MA IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR G-MA:** How does your daughter feel about this arrangement? What about Connor's father and his paternal grandparents? Shouldn't they be getting equal time with the child, too? If your daughter is a single mother, it is unfair for her to expect her parents to baby-sit Connor every weekend.

I agree that your husband's behavior is obsessive. You deserve time for yourself, so TAKE it. If your husband won't cooperate, schedule activities with some of your women friends. Do not allow yourself to be bullied into being an unwilling baby sitter because it isn't healthy for any of you.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 13-year-old girl and I really enjoy drawing. There's a 17-year-old boy in my school, “Christopher,” who I am dying to draw. He has a wonderful profile, a fascinating smile, challenging hair that hangs over his eyes in an interesting way, great posture, grace and beautiful hands. Shall I go on?

Every time I see Christopher I want to grab a camera and get some good snapshots to use as a reference for sketching him later. I especially want to capture him in action—running, jumping, fencing or something like that. I also want to do a portrait of him.

How can I get some photos of him without being embarrassed or getting teased? There's one teacher who would definitely tease me if I'm too obvious.

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**DEAR ARTIST:** Why not try the direct approach? Tell Christopher that you're working on an art project, and ask him if he would mind if you used him as a model. Tell him it wouldn't take up much of his time—but you'd like to snap some reference shots of him running, jumping, a three-quarter picture of his head and shoulders and his profile. He might be flattered at the idea. And if you get teased about it, say, “Dear Abby says, ‘Art without passion is mechanical drawing.’”

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**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is being married on a very limited budget. She is thinking about handing out drink tickets at the reception to limit alcohol consumption. The reason is the cost. I think it sounds tacky, but it's better than a cash bar. What do you think?

BUDGET-CONSCIOUS MAMA IN MISSOURI

**DEAR MAMA:** Nowhere is it written that alcohol must be consumed at a wedding reception. Many couples offer punch or cider to their guests instead, and that's what I recommend your daughter do.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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## Obama not on Chelsea Clinton's wedding guest list



**WASHINGTON (AP)**—President Barack Obama says he didn't make the guest list for Chelsea Clinton's wedding.

In an interview on ABC's daytime talk show “The View,” Obama said he wasn't invited because former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wanted the event to be about their daughter

and her future husband.

Obama says that's probably for the best, joking that it will be tough enough to have one president at the wedding.

Clinton will wed investment banker Marc Mezvinsky on Saturday evening in Rhinebeck, N.Y. That's about 90 miles north of New York City.

In this publicity image released by ABC, President Barack Obama, third left, joins the co-hosts, from left, Whoopi Goldberg, Barbara Walters, Joy Behar, Sherri Shepherd and Elisabeth Hasselbeck on the set of the ABC daytime talk show “The View,” Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in New York.

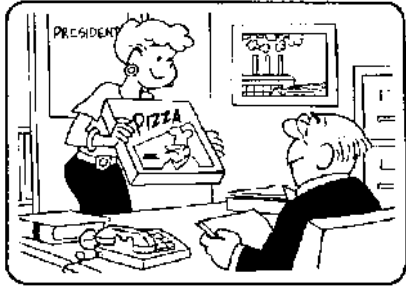
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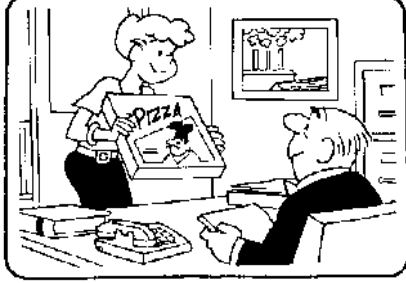




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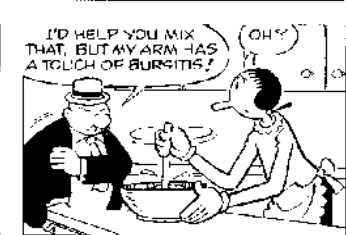
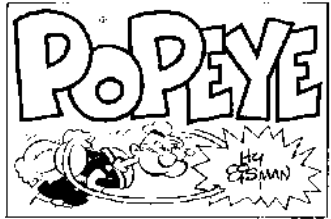


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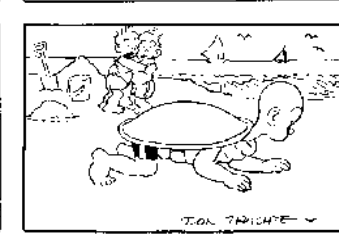
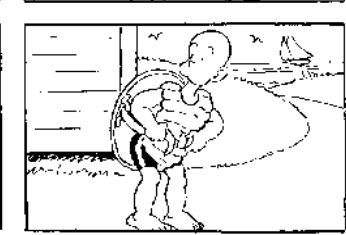
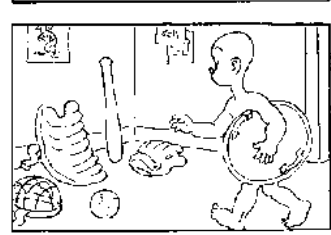
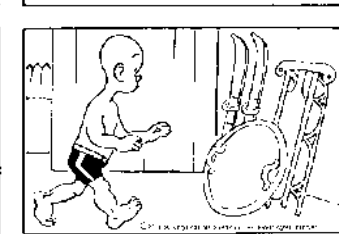
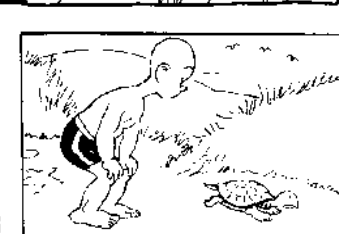
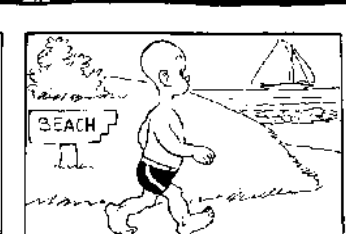
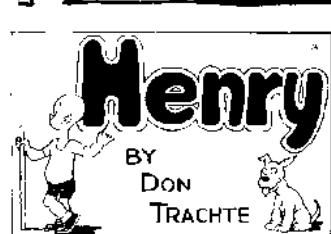
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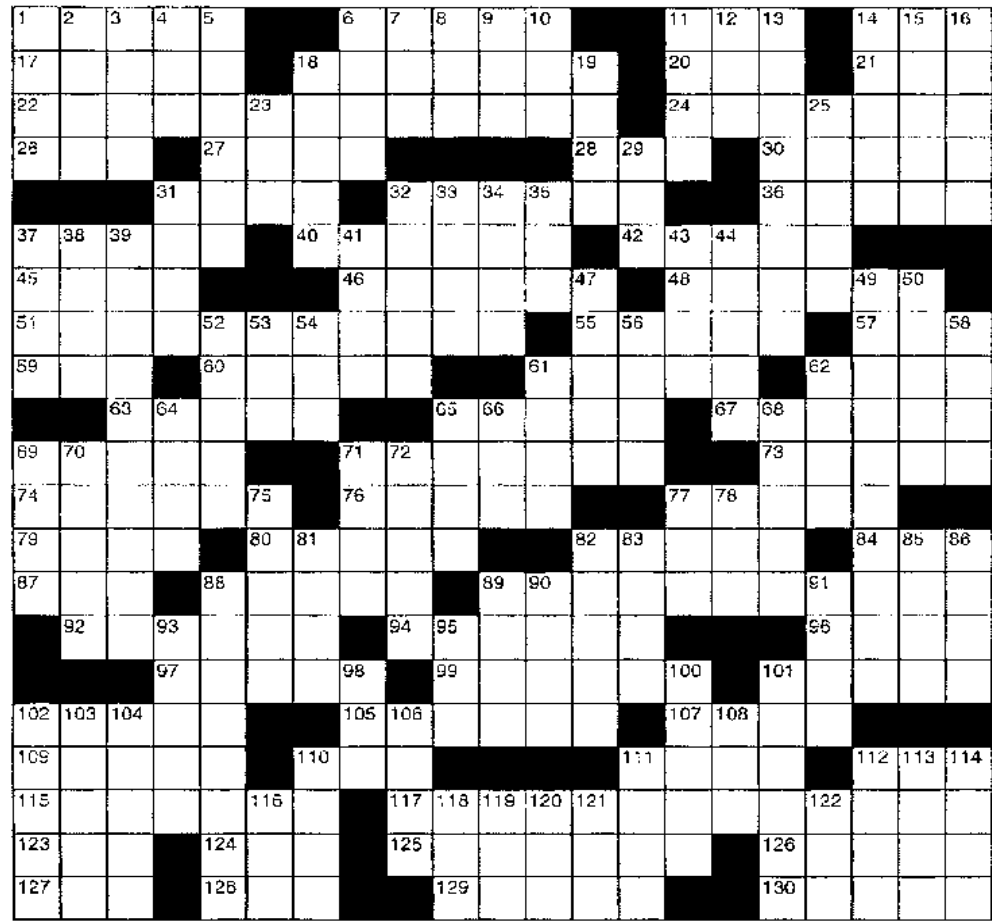
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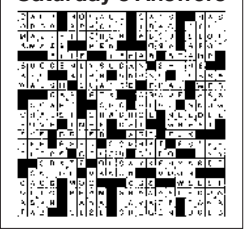
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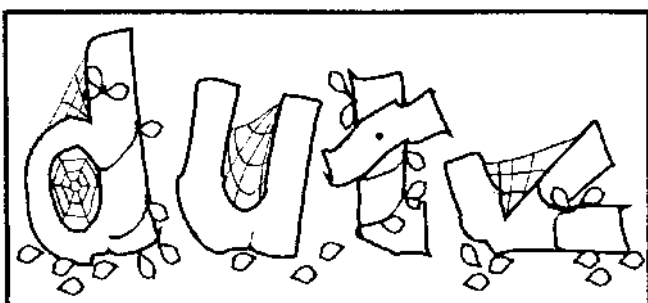
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# Oswalt traded to Phillies; Tejada, Cantu also move



Roy Oswalt granted his own wish: He's

now part of a pennant race. Miguel Tejada, Jorge Cantu and Matt Capps joined the mix, too.

The trade wheel of fortune kept spinning Thursday with veterans-for-prospects deals that typically dot the stretch run. More swaps were expected before Saturday's 4 p.m. deadline as pitchers Ted Lilly and Jake Westbrook could go.

The Philadelphia Phillies made the boldest move, getting Oswalt and about \$11 million from the Houston Astros for pitcher J.A. Happ and two speedy minor leaguers.

"I'm excited," Phillies ace Roy Halladay said. "It says a lot that this team is dedicated to winning."

Oswalt agreed to waive his no-trade clause and approved the deal to the two-time defending NL champions. The three-time All-Star is set to start Friday night at Washington.

Still throwing hard at 32, Oswalt was 6-12 despite a 3.24 ERA for the foundering Astros. He asked for a trade earlier in the season and the St. Louis Cardinals were among the teams that were interested.

The Phillies took a seven-game winning streak into Thursday night's game against Arizona. They began the day 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

"We're still in first place right now, but we've got a long way to go," Braves pitcher Derek Lowe said. "They're definitely a better team with him, no doubt about it."

The NL West-leading San Diego Padres acquired infielder Miguel Tejada from Baltimore for a Double-A pitcher. At 36, the former AL MVP was hitting .269 with seven homers and 39 RBIs for the last-place Orioles, who earlier in the day hired Buck Showalter as their new manager.

"It's an honor to go to play where they want me. But I'm sad because I've loved being here," said Tejada, scratched from Baltimore's starting lineup for Thursday night's game at Kansas City. "I'm sad but I know this game is a business."

"It's a good chance at being in the playoffs and that's always good," Tejada added. "I think we can have a chance to win."

The AL West-leading Rangers added another bat for the playoff push, acquiring Cantu from the Florida Marlins for two minor league pitchers.

Cantu had two singles, scored twice and made an error in the Marlins' 5-0 win at San Francisco before being replaced on defense in the bottom of the eighth.

"Deep inside I'm very sad to leave the Marlins, of course,"



In this July 18, 2010 file photo, Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt throws in the first inning during a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh. **AP**

Cantu said. "My turn is to go right now to the Texas Rangers and help that ballclub out. They're playing well and winning the division. I think it will be fun. Whenever you go to a new team it's always fun and exciting.... There's still two months to go. I know what I'm capable of doing."

Cantu is set to meet the team in Anaheim on Friday morning. He hit .262 with 10 home runs and 54 RBIs for Florida.

The Rangers already have All-Star Michael Young at third base—Cantu said in recent days he was prepared to switch back to his former spot at first base, a position of need for the Rangers.

"I had a good feeling something was going to happen," he said. "I really wanted to win here for the Marlins. It is a good relief because it was lingering around in my head for about a week. I tried not to think about it."

The Rangers sent Double-A right-handers Evan Reed and Omar Poveda to Florida. Texas also receives cash in the deal. The Orioles got right-hander Wynn Pelzer for Tejada.

The Phillies sent a pair of 19-year-olds, outfielder Anthony Gose and shortstop Jonathan Villar, to the Astros. Houston then traded Gose to Toronto for Triple-A first baseman Brett Wallace.

The Minnesota Twins made a big push to solidify their bullpen that has been without closer Joe Nathan all season, acquiring Capps from the Washington Nationals for prized catching prospect Wilson Ramos and minor league left-hander Joe Testa.

"The motivation is that this makes us a better club," said general manager Bill Smith, whose Twins trail the Chicago White Sox by 1 1/2 games in the AL Central. "This gives us more depth in the back of that bullpen. Matt Capps is an established, veteran closer who is going to give us a better chance to win our division and advance to the World Series."

Capps is 3-3 with a 2.74 ERA and 26 saves in 30 chances this year for the struggling Nationals. He will move into the closer role for the Twins, who have been aggressive in improving their club in their first season at Target Field.

Jon Rauch, who has 21 saves in 25 opportunities, will move back into the setup role.

"I can't say enough great things about what Jon Rauch has contributed to this club and we expect him to continue to be a huge contributor to our success," Smith said. **(AP)**

## A-Rod has three RBIs, but no No. 600 in Yanks win

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Alex Rodriguez drove in three runs without hitting his 600th homer as the New York Yankees used a seven-run seventh inning to beat the Cleveland Indians 11-4 on Thursday.

Dustin Moseley (1-0) won his first start, allowing a run and four hits over six innings as New York took three of four in a lopsided series that saw A-Rod extend his homerless streak to seven games.

Robinson Cano connected for his 20th homer just after Rodriguez grounded out in the seventh. That started a string of nine straight Yankees reaching safely with two outs. Curtis Granderson and Rodriguez each had two-run singles—both off Joe Smith—in the rally.

Rodriguez batted with the bases loaded three times. He hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the third to tie the score 1-all.

Derek Jeter's single in the sixth off rookie reliever Frank Herrmann (0-1) broke the final tie.

### Rays 4, Tigers 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, David Price became the American League's first 14-game winner, and Carlos Pena had four RBIs as Tampa Bay completed a four-game sweep of Detroit.

Price (14-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, tying the team record for wins in a season. He struck out nine and walked two.

### Rangers 7, Athletics 4

At Arlington, Texas, Michael Young scored his first three times up and light-hitting Taylor Teagarden hit a two-run

homer as Texas beat Oakland.

The Rangers won the series against the A's and closed out a homestand against division rivals by going 5-2. They added 3 1/2 games to their lead in the AL West and head back on the road 8 1/2 games clear of the A's.

The Rangers led 4-1 after squandering a bases-loaded, one-out chance to break things open against A's starter Vin Mazzaro (6-3) in the fifth. Texas starter C.J. Wilson (10-5) got into trouble in the sixth and Oakland was back within 4-3 when the bottom of the Rangers' lineup came through.

### White Sox 9, Mariners 5

At Chicago, Ramon Castro homered twice and Paul Konerko went deep for the fourth straight game as Chicago beat Seattle for its 11th straight win at home.

Carlos Quentin also homered for the White Sox, whose previous home winning streak this long came in 1989—two years before they left old Comiskey Park for U.S. Cellular Field.

### Orioles 6, Royals 5, 11 innings

At Kansas City, Missouri, Ty Wigginton's sacrifice fly in the 11th inning broke the game's final tie as Baltimore beat Kansas City to snap a five-game losing streak.

Corey Patterson homered with two outs in the eighth off Baltimore's Robinson Tejada to tie it at 5-5. Nick Markakis led off the third for the Orioles with his ninth home run.

Wigginton's second sacrifice fly of the game scored Brian Roberts in the 11th and was

off Blake Wood (0-2), the fifth Kansas City pitcher.

### Padres 3, Dodgers 2

At San Diego, Oscar Salazar's single in the bottom of the ninth gave the National League West-leading San Diego Padres a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Padres took two of three games in the series, opening a seven-game gap between them. The California rivals will meet again in a four-game series at Dodger Stadium starting Monday.

### Marlins 5, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Anibal Sanchez pitched his first shutout since 2006 as Florida blanked San Francisco in its own park.

Sanchez (8-6) retired his first 13 batters and matched a career-high with eight strikeouts.

Jorge Cantu played his final game for Florida, having been traded to Texas.

Giants rookie Buster Posey had his hitting streak snapped at 21 games, one shy of tying Hall of Famer Willie McCovey's San Francisco rookie record, set in 1959.

### Mets 4, Cardinals 0

In New York, R.A. Dickey pitched more than eight scoreless innings as New York beat St. Louis to record its first series victory in more than a month.

Working on three days' rest, Dickey (7-4) showed no sign of the sore left hip that prompted manager Jerry Manuel to pull the knuckleballer out of a game on Sunday. Ike Davis hit a three-run homer for the Mets, who dropped the Cardinals into

second place in the NL Central.

### Nationals 5, Braves 3

In Washington, Scott Olsen returned from the disabled list to win his first appearance in more than two months, guiding Washington past Atlanta.

Olsen (3-2) gave up two earned runs in six innings before a thunderstorm caused a 90-minute delay. Adam Dunn and Ian Desmond each homered and doubled for the Nationals.

### Phillies 3, Diamondbacks 2, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Wilson Valdez's RBI single with one out in the 11th inning lifted Philadelphia to its eighth straight win, edging Arizona.

After the Diamondbacks tied it in the ninth, the Phillies rallied against Esmerling Vasquez (1-4) in the 11th.

The Phillies closed within 2 1/2 games of division-leading Atlanta. They have made up 4 1/2 games in the past week.

Jose Contreras (5-3) tossed a scoreless 11th for the win.

### Rockies 9, Pirates 3

In Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez rebounded from two rough starts to pitch seven effective innings and end Colorado's eight-game losing skid with victory over Pittsburgh.

Jimenez (16-2) returned to the form that earned him a start in the All-Star game. He allowed one run and struck out six to move within a win of tying the franchise record for wins.

Carlos Gonzalez and Brad Hawpe homered and Clint Barmes had two hits and three RBIs for the Rockies.



# Police: Ex-NBA player Wright shot to death



**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** (AP)—Former NBA big man Lorenzen Wright, whose body was found in the woods outside Memphis, was shot to death and the case is being investigated as a homicide, police said Thursday.

Police wouldn't answer questions about motive or suspects. But records indicate that Wright, 34, revered in his hometown as a generous and likable sports hero, was probably carrying a large amount of cash when he disappeared on July 18. A court affidavit obtained by The Associated Press also said Wright had sold two vehicles to a man affiliated with a Memphis drug ring that's suspected in six deaths.

His family filed a missing person report with police on July 22, four days after he was last seen, but investigators repeatedly said they didn't suspect foul play. Wright's mother said in the report that she was worried because his silence was out of character and "he probably has a large amount of cash on him."

The report said that the day he disappeared, he had been dropped off at a restaurant by a woman and later taken to his ex-wife's house in Collierville, a Memphis suburb. The ex-wife, Sherra Wright, told officers that Wright left her home in the middle of the night with someone.

Family members said Wright's body was found near an apartment complex in southeast Memphis on Wednesday, but police awaited dental records to confirm his identity. Police on Thursday said a 911 call was placed from Wright's cell phone early on July 19 and investiga-

tors determined it came from the area his body was found.

Court documents show that Wright acknowledged to the FBI that in 2008 he sold two luxury vehicles, a Mercedes sedan and a Cadillac SUV, to Bobby Cole. The affidavits about the business deal don't show if Wright knew that Cole had been indicted in 2007 on drug distribution charges or if they knew each other.

Cole told the FBI he was connected to the organization run by Craig Petties, an accused drug kingpin charged with racketeering and conspiracy in six murders.

In 2008, Cole offered to turn over to Drug Enforcement Administration agents three vehicles he bought with drug money, including a 2007 Cadillac Escalade SUV and a 2008 Mercedes Benz S63 that had been registered to Wright.

Wright told agents he had sold two vehicles to Cole and he no longer owned them, although registration records listed the Cadillac in Wright's name and the Mercedes in one of Wright's business investments, Allwright Automotive LLC.

In federal court filings, Lorenzen Wright claimed ownership of the cars and said he didn't know the property was used in a crime. A federal judge entered a default judgment in favor of the government in March 2010 and the vehicles were forfeited and the case closed.

The 6-foot-11 Wright played 13 seasons in the NBA for the Los Angeles Clippers, Atlanta Hawks, Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento Kings and most recently the Cleveland Cavaliers. Wright left the University



Elliot Perry, left, and Penny Hardaway, joined hundreds of bystanders gathered near the scene as Memphis Police lock down an area where the body of an unidentified man was found Wednesday, July 28, 2010, in a suburb of Memphis, Tenn.

## ESPN.com removes article on James in Las Vegas

**NEW YORK** (AP)—ESPN.com removed an article chronicling LeBron James' activities during a weekend in Las Vegas.

ESPN said the article, by ESPNLosAngeles.com reporter Arash Markazi, was available for about 9 1/2 hours on its server Wednesday. It described the new Miami Heat star drinking at nightclubs and receiving a cake from go-go dancers in a VIP section.

Rob King, editor in chief of ESPN Digital Media, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday that the story was posted before it had been cleared by senior editors and that Markazi didn't identify himself as a reporter in

gathering the information used to report the story.

"I made the call," King said. "I just plainly felt it was wrong to gather information in this way, so we would not publish the information in any fashion."

ESPN has been criticized by some for turning over air time to James for his July 8 announcement that he was leaving Cleveland to sign with Miami.

The network issued a statement from Markazi saying he understood the decision not to run his story.

"It is important to note that I stand by the accuracy of the story in its entirety, but should have been clearer in representing my intent to write about the

events I observed," he said.

Vince Doria, ESPN's senior vice president and director of news, was quoted by ESPN.com on July 21 as saying the network's newsgathering operation was not part of the decision to air James' show and that the decision by the company's business department "ultimately had a damaging impact on our reputation as journalists."

"You can't justify paying for news. There are no excuses here," Doria said. "The hope is that we learned something from this, that we won't repeat the error, and that we can restore any lost confidence in our ability to objectively report and present the news."

of Memphis early for the NBA, lottery pick with the No. 7 selection overall.

He averaged 8 points and 6.4 rebounds in 778 career games.

## With a 3rd heart, Compton shares Greenbrier lead



**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.** (AP)—Erik Compton is a walking billboard for organ donation and sheer determination.

He's also at the top of the Greenbrier Classic leaderboard.

Playing on a late sponsor exemption, the 30-year-old double heart transplant recipient shot a 7-under 63 on Thursday to share the first-round lead with rookie Matt Every in the inaugural tournament.

Compton spent eight straight days doing yard work at home in Miami before he got the call Saturday to play in the tournament. He's making the most of his late invite, overcoming a slow start with nine birdies on the Old White course.

"You know, some guys miss six, seven cuts in a row and then win," Compton said. "I know I'm a good player, and I have a lot of the adversity in front of me with the game and health. But I always feel like if I stick in there and keep trying,

something eventually good is going to happen."

George McNeill, Pat Perez and Jeff Overton opened with 64s.

Nearly all of the field hadn't played the course before this week, but it wasn't a detriment—24 players were at 4 under or better.

While more than half of the field is in jeopardy of missing the FedEx Cup playoffs and others are trying to secure spots in next month's PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, Compton is taking it week by week, looking to solidify a future either on the PGA Tour or the Nationwide circuit.

A few years ago, it wasn't looking so bright.

Compton was diagnosed with viral cardiomyopathy at age 9. The disease inflames the heart and leaves it unable to pump as hard as it needs to. His first transplant came three years later and another occurred in 2008.

He didn't think he'd play golf again and even sold his equipment after the second transplant. But his health im-

proved quickly and he returned to the game within weeks.

This season he's made four cuts in seven starts.

In the past he might have denied that his double transplants would have been a bigger deal than shooting a low score, but not now.

"It affects so many people," Compton said.

Compton's stamina is good, though he admits it may not be up to the level of other players. That's in part due to the hilly terrain and expansive layout of some courses.

Fortunately for him, Old White is relatively flat.

"My health is great. I keep a good eye on it," Compton said. "I'm almost like a doctor now myself because I've been through so much and being able to manage medications and take it on the road."

Good friend Victor Billskoog, who's carrying Compton's bag this week for the first time, is hoping to attend the PGA Tour's qualifying school and uses Compton as an inspiration.

"He has such a great story coming from the depths that he came from," Billskoog said. "When I get down on myself and think about how hard I'm having it, I think about Erik and his remarkable story."

An accurate driver, Compton showed a good all-around game Thursday, reaching 11 of 14 fairways and 15 of 18 greens in regulation. He needed just 26 putts.

Things didn't start out so good.

Compton bogeyed two of the first three holes, then rattled off seven birdies over a nine-hole stretch. He also birdied the par-4 14th and his chip from behind the green to the par-5 17th hit the flag, leaving him with another short birdie.

"I'm just trying to enjoy the opportunity," Compton said. "It's just the first round. I've played this sport long enough to know that (Friday) I tee off at 2 o'clock and might be seven back. So I'm just trying to be patient."

Compton's previous best round this year was 4-under 67 in February at the Mayakoba

Golf Classic. His best finish was a tie for 30th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

He qualified for the U.S. Open in June after a 36-hole sectional that included a play-off. He shot 77-81 in the Open and missed the cut.

After missing the cut two weeks ago at the Reno-Tahoe Open, Compton went back to his new home for some serious yard work, planting palm, oak and Italian Cypress trees and redoing the lawn.

"I've done flowers before, but nothing will grow in 150-degree weather in Miami," Compton said.

After more than a week of getting his hands dirty, he got the call to play golf again - and has come to appreciate the beauty of Old White, which has undergone some tweaking and considerable floral touch ups in preparation for the tournament.

"This place is immaculate," Compton said. "That why it's so neat to see the landscaping here. As a golfer, you like to have your yard look nice."

Wright leaves behind six children, his mother Deborah Marion, and father Herb Wright, who coached his son from a wheelchair after he was shot in the spine. Lorenzen Wright 11-month-old daughter, Sierra, died in March 2003 of sudden infant death syndrome.

Longtime friend Kevin Nelson remembered Wright as a well-meaning person who treated people with respect.

"He was a people person, he never met a stranger," Nelson said. "It really hit us hard."

Nearly 200 people had turned up Wednesday at the crime scene after hearing that police might have found Wright's body. Among them was former NBA star Penny Hardaway, who played at Memphis two years before Wright and heard the news from a friend.

"I cried. The emotions hit me immediately. It's just sad because we lost a good person and a brother," Hardaway said.

Wright's friends also questioned why police didn't act with more urgency, pointing to the 911 call.

The Commercial Appeal newspaper, which first reported the call, said a dispatcher in the suburb of Germantown heard a garbled male voice say an expletive and then at least 10 gunshots. The call went dead and no one answered when the dispatcher called back, the newspaper reported.

Collierville spokesman Mark Heuberger said he couldn't comment on whether his department knew about the call. Family spokeswoman Camelle Logan, Wright's cousin, declined comment.

Every, starting on the back nine, eagled the par-5 12th and had three straight birdies to make the turn at 6 under. He added a birdie at the par-4 sixth hole.

The 26-year-old Every's best finish is eighth at the Phoenix Open in late February. He's played in just 11 tournaments in the last five months after breaking his left pinky finger.

"My game's coming around," said Every, recently arrested in Iowa and charged with possession of a controlled substance. He has denied possessing marijuana.

Overton, seeking his fifth top-10 finish this season, had the chance to tie for the lead but made bogey on the par-3 18th after his tee shot flew the green.

Brendon de Jonge, Charles Howell III, Aron Price, Matt Bettencourt and John Rollins shot 65s. Jim Furyk, who's fifth in the FedExCup points standings and can jump past Ernie Els into the top spot with a second place or better finish, had a 68.

Carl Pettersson, winner of the Canadian Open last week, had a 71. Afternoon play was stopped for 1 hour, 33 minutes due to storms.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	65	36	.644	—
Tampa Bay	63	38	.624	2
Boston	58	44	.569	7 1/2
Toronto	53	49	.520	12 1/2
Baltimore	32	70	.314	33 1/2

**Central Division**

Chicago	57	44	.564	—
Minnesota	56	46	.549	1 1/2
Detroit	51	50	.505	6
Cleveland	42	60	.412	15 1/2
Kansas City	42	60	.412	15 1/2

**West Division**

Texas	60	42	.588	—
Oakland	51	50	.505	8 1/2
Los Angeles	52	52	.500	9
Seattle	39	64	.379	21 1/2

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

Atlanta	58	43	.574	—
Philadelphia	56	46	.549	2 1/2
New York	52	50	.510	6 1/2
Florida	51	51	.500	7 1/2
Washington	44	58	.431	14 1/2

**Central Division**

Cincinnati	57	46	.553	—
St. Louis	56	46	.549	1/2
Milwaukee	48	55	.466	9
Chicago	46	56	.451	10 1/2
Houston	42	59	.416	14
Pittsburgh	36	65	.356	20

**West Division**

San Diego	60	40	.600	—
San Francisco	58	45	.563	3 1/2
Los Angeles	54	48	.529	7
Colorado	52	50	.510	9
Arizona	37	65	.363	24

**Yesterday's Games**

N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 0  
Washington 5, Atlanta 3  
Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 3  
Florida 5, San Francisco 0  
San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 2  
Philadelphia 3, Arizona 2, 11 innings  
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 2  
N.Y. Yankees 11, Cleveland 4  
Texas 7, Oakland 4  
Baltimore 6, Kansas City 5, 11 innings  
Chicago White Sox 9, Seattle 5

**THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC SCORES**

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia (AP)**—Scores Thursday from the \$6 million Greenbrier Classic at the par-70, 7,031-yard The Old White Course

**FIRST ROUND**

Erik Compton	32-31-63
Matt Every	33-30-63
George McNeill	31-33-64
Pat Perez	33-31-64
Jeff Overton	31-33-64
Brendon de Jonge	33-32-65
Charles Howell III	32-33-65
Aron Price	31-34-65
Matt Bettencourt	31-34-65
John Rollins	31-34-65
Spencer Levin	31-35-66
Bob Estes	32-34-66
Jeff Quinney	32-34-66
Dean Wilson	32-34-66
Jay Williamson	32-34-66
Stuart Appleby	32-34-66
Ben Crane	32-34-66
John Mallinger	31-35-66
Mathew Goggin	34-32-66
Chad Collins	33-33-66
Scott Piercy	32-34-66
Paul Goydos	33-33-66
Richard S. Johnson	31-35-66
Chris Couch	32-34-66
Woody Austin	31-36-67
Lee Janzen	33-34-67
Justin Leonard	31-36-67
Jeev Milkha Singh	31-36-67
Aaron Baddeley	34-33-67
Scott McCarron	32-35-67
Brett Wetterich	33-34-67
Boo Weekley	33-34-67
Kevin Sutherland	33-34-67
Skip Kendall	31-36-67
Briny Baird	35-32-67
Jimmy Walker	32-35-67
Alex Hamilton	32-35-67
Brian Stuard	34-33-67
Joe Ogilvie	34-34-68
Greg Chalmers	33-35-68
Marc Leishman	32-36-68
Brandt Snedeker	33-35-68
Chris Riley	34-34-68
Cameron Beckman	34-34-68

Stephen Ames	34-34-68
D.A. Points	34-34-68
James Driscoll	33-35-68
Justin Bolli	32-36-68
Patrick Moore	31-37-68
Drew Weaver	35-33-68
Craig Bowden	31-37-68
Greg Owen	35-33-68
Davis Love III	33-35-68
Steve Flesch	35-33-68
Jim Furyk	33-35-68
Sergio Garcia	33-35-68
John Senden	33-35-68
Arjun Atwal	33-35-68
Garth Mulroy	33-35-68
Brent Delahoussaye	32-36-68
Tim Herron	35-34-69
Charles Warren	34-35-69
Bill Lunde	35-34-69
Chris Stroud	33-36-69
Paul Stankowski	34-35-69
Troy Merritt	32-37-69
Mark Wilson	34-35-69
Derek Lamely	34-35-69
Matt Kuchar	33-36-69
Troy Matteson	33-36-69
Ben Curtis	33-36-69
Jonathan Byrd	34-35-69
J.J. Henry	33-36-69
Martin Laird	33-36-69
Michael Bradley	34-35-69
J.B. Holmes	34-35-69
John Daly	35-34-69
Charlie Wi	35-34-69
Roger Tambellini	34-35-69
Cameron Percy	32-37-69
Jerod Turner	36-33-69
Nicholas Thompson	35-35-70
Daniel Chopra	33-37-70
Jerry Kelly	36-34-70
David Toms	36-34-70
Steve Wheatcroft	35-35-70
Charley Hoffman	32-38-70
Billy Mayfair	35-35-70
Ricky Barnes	34-36-70
Matt Jones	36-34-70
Graham DeLaet	37-33-70
Joe Durant	34-36-70
John Merrick	35-35-70
Chris DiMarco	34-36-70
Kevin Na	34-36-70
Rocco Mediate	34-36-70
a-Jonathan Bartlett	33-37-70
Glen Day	34-37-71
Carl Pettersson	35-36-71
Blake Adams	34-37-71
Jeff Maggert	36-35-71
Brenden Pappas	35-36-71
Robert Garrigus	33-38-71
Rod Pampling	34-37-71
Vance Veazey	35-36-71
Gary Woodland	37-34-71
Martin Flores	36-35-71
Chris Wilson	36-35-71
Andrew McLardy	36-35-71
Garrett Willis	33-38-71
Roland Thatcher	36-35-71
Trevor Immelman	36-35-71
John Huston	35-36-71
Chris Tidland	37-34-71
Jarrold Lyle	34-37-71
Barry Evans	35-36-71
Dick Mast	35-36-71
Bob Sowards	34-37-71
Steve Lowery	33-39-72
D.J. Trahan	34-38-72
Josh Teater	36-36-72
David Lutterus	37-35-72
Tim Petrovic	37-35-72
Michael Letzig	36-36-72
Brett Quigley	35-37-72
Ryuji Imada	37-35-72
Tom Pernice, Jr.	38-34-72
Tom Gillis	37-35-72
Brad Faxon	36-37-73
Johnson Wagner	35-38-73
Alex Prugh	36-37-73
Kevin Streelman	35-38-73
Sam Saunders	34-39-73
Kevin Stadler	34-39-73
Ted Purdy	35-38-73
Omar Uresti	34-39-73
Will MacKenzie	35-38-73
Todd Hamilton	36-37-73
Henrik Bjornstad	37-36-73
David Morland IV	36-37-73
Mathias Gronberg	38-36-74
Webb Simpson	36-38-74
Brian Gay	35-39-74
Brian Davis	35-39-74
Cameron Tringale	37-37-74
Kevin Johnson	36-38-74
Kenny Perry	35-40-75
Jeff Gove	36-39-75
Cliff Kresge	37-39-76
Mark Hensby	39-37-76
James Nitties	38-38-76
Michael Connell	37-39-76
Rich Barcelo	35-42-77
Willis Ring	42-35-77
Alex Cejka	38-39-77
Steve Marino	WD

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**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Dickenson, Gatus win SRCR July races



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Saipan Radio Control Car Racer Association held their July races last Sunday at their home track in As Lito.

## TEAM

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spearfishing teams will join them a few days later, as competition in these three events will take place midway through the 10-day event. The Micro Games will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

The CNMI delegates will be

joining more than 1,000 athletes from Guam, the Marshall Islands, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Palau in the opening rites to be held at the Palau National Track and Field Sunday afternoon.

Sprinter and baseball player Tyrone Omar will be the CNMI's flag bearer, doing the honors for the second straight time

after earning the same designation in the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan.

Omar and the rest of the CNMI athletes are aiming to pick up where they left off in 2006 when the Commonwealth finished with the most medals in the Saipan-hosted Games. The CNMI collected 98 medals, 34 of which were gold, 33 were sil-

ver, and 31 were bronze. Guam had only 96 medals, but still won the overall championship, as it gained 51 gold medals, 27 silver, and 18 bronze.

Palau came in third with its 27-16-21 tally, followed by Chuuk (6-10-12), Pohnpei (5-15-17), Kiribati (5-7-5), the Marshall Islands (3-5-12), Kosrae (3-3-2), and Yap (2-7-3).

## CNMI

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Jennifer Rose Leskosek, Mamiko Oshima Berger, Jo Ann Reyes, Reylynn Sapong, Danny Bai, Douglas and Francisco Dilay, John Roger Gechig, Ryan Ichihara, Jesus Iguel, Clayton Kenty, Edward Manalili, Michael Mancao, Oleingemar Skilang Marciano, John Nekaifes, Beouch and Dennis Ngirchongor, Trevor Ogumoro, Brandon Phillip, Leroy Rangamar, Ronald Villafria, Hearting Williams, and Rachel Abrams.

“We have a good mixture of veterans who can pro-

vide leadership on the team and upcoming talents,” Elias Rangamar said.

The squad will be going to Palau after dominating two tournaments that served as previews to the athletics competition in this year's Micro Games.

Last year, the CNMI ended Guam's reign in the Micronesian Athletics Championships after topping the 2009 edition of the biennial event at the Griffith University, in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The Commonwealth earned 14 gold medals, seven silver, and eight bronze in the three-day Oceania Regional Championships 2009/Micronesian

Athletics Championships held in the Land Down Under.

Then a week before the 7th Micronesian Games kicks off, the CNMI tracksters went to Guam and collected 10 gold medals, eight silver, and six bronze in the 2010 Guam Track and Field National Meet, winning more medals than the host.

With these successes, Rangamar said they know the CNMI is already a marked team, but still they don't want to be over confident.

“Our triumphs in the past tournaments mean we are being watched now. But we don't want to underestimate other teams. We know Guam and Chuuk ath-

letes and a few of Palau's bets will be there to give us a tough fight. As for the other islands, there is little information about them, so I'm sure there will be some surprise performances from relatively unknown athletes. The athletes are confident but at the same time they have the utmost respect for other competitors.” Rangamar said.

Rangamar added the team's target is to win 30-plus medals and most of them will come from the jumping events.

“We're strong in three out of the four disciplines, but our biggest strength would be in the jumps, particularly in the women's division,” Rangamar said.

## 8 PAIRS

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21-8, 21-8 victory over Gary Bandoja and Mario Diola Sunday.

Gabriel and Manatsu Omori also remain perfect with a hard-fought 21-19 and 24-22 win over Arago and Jojo Savellano improving them to 2-0 in the men's doubles AB. The latter duo is in solo third place with a 2-1 mark.

Montoya and Maratas have an even 2-2 record, the same mark as Diola and Bandoja and Guinto and Roger Vales. Hibi and Aries Cordero are at 1-1, while Reyes and Victor Regis and Aguda and Ezekiel Macario are at 0-3 and 0-4, respectively.

In the men's doubles BB division, Diola and Regis remain spotless with a 4-0 mark follow-

ing victories over Maratas and Jorge Olanda (21-16, 18-21, 21-16) and the father-and-son tandem of Puy and Ezekiel Macario (21-13, 21-18).

Santos and Cordero (3-1), Vales and Savellano (3-1), Maratas and Olanda (2-2), Alvin Alvarez and Chris Hilario (0-4) and the Macarios (0-4) make up the rest of the doubles teams in the division.

In the men's doubles CC, Hilario and Omori are leading the pack with a 3-1 record despite losing their latest match via default against Puy Macario and Kanata Omori. That walk-on victory gave the latter an even 2-2 record, while Carlo Dotimas and his partner Mr. Oh are at 1-2.

The pairing of Annarose Omori and Michelle Calleon have been playing beautiful music together in the women's BB division and

are currently on top of the standings with a perfect 4-0 record.

Omori and Calleon won their first three games in the first weekend of the tournament and posted win No. 4 last Saturday after beating Cristy Villaflor and Emily Vargas, 21-19, 21-16.

Choi Hanah and Gigi Zapanta are also perfect after three games and they are followed in the standings by Cheng Saturno and Lucille Lampera (3-1), Marlene Pareja and Lani Bartolome (2-1), Malou Malasarte and Ana Alvarez (2-2), Shirley Kim and Angie Ito (1-2) Loyda Ito and Elna Labuson (1-3), Marlyn Montano and Jaja Samonte (0-3), and Vargas and Villaflor (0-4).

Choi and So Young Lee, for their part, sport a 3-0 record in the women's BC division. Choi and Lee won their only match

last weekend when they scored a 21-13, 21-7 triumph over Vargas and Ruby Gozon.

The pairs of Malasarte and Elna Curate and Pareja and Annette Quiambao are just a game behind Choi and Lee with a 3-1 record, while Kim and Heo In Suk (2-2), Vargas and Gozon (1-3), Villaflor and Malasarte (1-3), Loyda Ito (0-3) and Jenine Savellano and Angie Ito (0-1) complete the teams competing in the division.

With a 2-0 win-loss standing, Elna Curate and Merlie Tolentino are currently the frontrunners in the in the women's doubles CC. The two didn't have a game last weekend. Quiambao and Heo (1-1) and Jenine Savellano and Kim Boranah (0-2) are also playing in the category. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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Ray Takai shocking Pangilinan.

With the championship on the line, Tero Takai gave Hustlers

some nervous moments when he defeated Rowell Mariano in the first game before the latter rallied by taking the last two for the finals win.

Other members of the victorious Hustlers team are Joey Lu-

cido and Robert Sanciango.

In the Obyan division, Team Pirates raised their own Budweiser Cup championship after a 4-2 victory over USSP Fotten Palau at the USS Peleliu Club.

The two teams split the first

two doubles matches before Juan Camacho gave Team Pirates a 2-1 lead in the first singles match. R.E. Rengiil tied things up when he beat Rodney Aldan before Edward Suzuki and Bert Rufugui closed out the finals for

Team Pirates with victories in the last two singles matches.

Dave Maratita, Patrick Cepeda, James Reyes, and Jack Cepeda make up the rest of the players for Team Pirates.

The Hustlers and Team Pi-

rates will be feted, along with champions of the Saipan Billiards Association's Open 8-Ball League, during an awards banquet on Aug. 8 at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club. *(Saipan Tribune)*





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## Team Marianas urged to go all out



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A day before Team Marianas begins its campaign in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau, chef de mission Michael White called on athletes and officials to do their best in representing the CNMI.

"I urge every member of Team Marianas to do your best to bring honor and glory to yourselves, your teammates, your families, and our Commonwealth. I am confident that you will be successful," White said.

"I want to congratulate all of our athletes, coaches, and officials for the hard work they have put in so far. I know that it will pay off in terms of success on the playing fields and courts in Palau," the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president added.

White is already in Palau along with the CNMI's athletics, baseball, women's and men's basketball, table tennis, and tennis teams in time for the opening ceremony of the 7th Micronesian Games tomorrow. The Commonwealth's outrigger canoe, triathlon, and

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### CNMI: A marked team in athletics

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Editor's note: This is the last of a series of 10 articles that feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

The CNMI will field a strong 35-member athletics team to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau, making the Commonwealth's bets the athletes to watch at the track.

Northern Marianas Athletics development officer and head coach Elias Rangamar is not only talking of the team's quantity, but also of quality, as the squad has a mix of veterans and medalists of past Micronesian Games and promising athletes.

Returning to equal if not surpass the 2006 CNMI athletics team's 15-medal haul (three gold, seven silver, and five bronze) are Lia Rangamar, Tyrone Omar, Sylvan Rangamar, Jacque Wonenberg, Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, Ronald Olapai, and Nick Gross and Micro Games veterans Emiliana Quitugua and Antonio Ichiou.

Completing the team are Jenequa Sullivan Benavente, Yvette and Yvonne Bennett,

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Jacque Wonenberg, seen here in a file photo, will be among the medal hopefuls for the 35-strong CNMI athletics team to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

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The NTT Docomo Hustlers pose after winning the Budweiser Cup of the Agingan division last Tuesday at The Pirates Bar.



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Team Pirates pose after winning the Budweiser Cup of the Obyab division last Tuesday at the USS Peleliu Club.

### Hustlers, Pirates top Budweiser Cup

NTT Docomo Hustlers and Team Pirates won the mini tournament within the Saipan Billiards Association's Open 8-Ball League after beating their respective opponents in the championship round played Tuesday night.

The Hustlers clinched the Budweiser Cup championship in the Agingan division but only after nipping an upset-conscious Huwa Team, 4-3, at The Pirates Bar.

Senen Pangilinan and Erwin Gomez gave the Utopia Bar-sponsored team an early 1-0 lead after beating Joey Cruz

and Randy Sablan in the first doubles match.

Ray and Tero Takai quickly equalized for Huwa after skunking Jerry Soriano and Boyet Sequioco in the second doubles match.

Soriano immediately redeemed himself from the surprise loss in the doubles by taking out Ray Basa in straight games in the first of five singles matches.

Gomez then made it 3-1 with a win over Sablan. But Huwa quickly won the next two singles games with Cruz triumphing over Joemer Enriquez and

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### 8 pairs remain undefeated in doubles tourney

The Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 continued last weekend with eight teams still yet to taste defeat at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

In the men's double AA division, Dick Guinto and Andreu Galvez boosted their win-loss record to 4-0.

The duo posted their third straight win after a relatively easy 21-5, 21-8 win over Ferdie Arago and Edwin Montoya last July 23.



Their fourth victory, however, was no stroll in the park as they had to rally from a first set loss to beat Rey Bulaon and Hapi Gabriel, 19-21, 21-15, 21-14 last Sunday.

Gabriel and Bulaon are a game behind the leaders with a 3-1 record, while Arago and Montoya are tied with Macoi Aguda and Saul Gargallo with identical 1-2 marks. Jerry Hibi and Robert Reyes are winless after three matches.

Bulaon and Noli Santos, meanwhile, hold court in the men's doubles AB with an immaculate 4-0 record. The two-some started off the weekend with a 21-14, 21-12 win over Montoya and Edwin Maratas last July 23 and capped it with a

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Competition in the Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 continued last weekend. File photo shows Elma Labuson, right, and Loyda Ito in action in the women's BB division.

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